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FRONTIER PREMIER SUMMONED TO DELHI

GOVERNOR CAROE PROLONGS STAY IN INDIA'S CAPITAL

Special Plane Sent To Fetch Dr. Khan Saheb

PESHAWAR, April 17. (A.P.I.): The Frontier Governor, Sir Olaf Caroe, who was scheduled to return to Peshawar this morning is prolonging his stay in Delhi, the Associated Press of India learns from authoritative quarter

A special plane was sent from Delhi to fetch Dr. Khan Sahib and the Premier left for Delhi at 5 p.m.

He is expected to reach Delhi before 8 p.m. to-day.

STORM EXPECTED IN S. GUJARAT

63-Miles-An-Hour Gale Hits Kathiawar Coast

POONA, April 17. (A.P.I.): A furious gale blowing for part of the time at a speed greater than 63 miles an hour has hit the Kathiawar coast in and near Veraval in the course of the day, according to reports received by the Meteorological Office here. Heavy rains also been recorded in this area and Veraval had five inches of rain this morning.

The gale is the result of a severe cyclonic storm which at 17-00 hours today was located in the Gulf of Cambay 100 miles east south-east of Veraval. The storm was reported to be still strong in the evening and is expected to move inland near Surat in the course of the night.

South Gujerat including Surat, Bhavnagar and Baroda is in for stormy weather and heavy rains will be experienced in this area tonight and to-morrow, Meteorological forecasts indicate.

U.N.O. TO TAKE UP PALESTINE IN NEXT SESSION

NEW YORK, April 17 (APA).—A British spokesman said today that Britain would propose exclusion of all five major powers from the proposed Committee of Inquiry on Palestine.

The Palestine problem will be considered by a special session of the United Nations beginning on April 28.

Biggest Fire In History Of Lahore

LAHORE, April 17 (API): What is described as the biggest fire in the history of Lahore broke out this afternoon at 306, Maintenance Unit, R.A.F. in the Ordnance Depot at Harbanspura, a few miles from Lahore. All stores in all the three sheds of the unit, including parachutes, petrol and lubricants were destroyed. No loss of life is reported. Columns of smoke were visible from a distance of several miles. After five hours' struggle by 11 fire brigades, the conflagration was localised. The loss is unofficially believed to run into several lakhs. The fire started at 12-40 p.m. At 6 p.m. the fire still continued.

STOP PRESS

TEXAS CITY DISASTER CAUSED BY SABOTAGE?

WASHINGTON, April 17. (U.P.A.): Texas Senator W. Lee O'Daniel demanded a Senate investigation of the Texas City disaster on the possibility that it might have been caused by sabotage.

SYRIAN-LEBANESE AGREEMENT

BEIRUT, April 17. (Reuter): Agreement has been reached between the Lebanese and the Syrian Governments that the Trans-Arabian Company's Pipeline from Saudi Arabia to the Mediterranean Coast shall have its outlet on the Lebanese Coast South of Beirut, "Reuter" authoritatively learned tonight.

MOSCOW FAILS TO BREAK DEADLOCK

MOSCOW, April 17. (A.P.A.): The Council of Foreign Ministers failed tonight to break the deadlock over the transfer of displaced persons from Austria when the United States, Britain and France refused to accept the Soviet demand that these persons be expelled within six months after the Austrian treaty becomes effective.

FRENCH CAPTURE HOA BINH

HANOI, April 17. (Reuter): French troops in Indo-China yesterday captured the town of Hoa Binh, about 45 miles south-west of Hanoi, French sources disclosed here today.

PATRAS 'QUAKE

ATHENS, April 17. (Reuter): The inhabitants of Patras on the Gulf of Corinth spent the night in public squares after an earthquake which cracked ten per cent of the houses.

Pethick-Lawrence Quits Whitehall

Lord Listowel Succeeds As Secretary Of State For India And Burma

LONDON, April 17. (Reuter): Lord Pethick-Lawrence has resigned as Secretary for India and Burma, and is succeded by Lord Listowel, it is officially announced.

OTHER CHANGES

Other new appointments are: Mr. Arthur Greenwood to be Minister Without Portfolio; Lord Inman to be Lord Privy Seal; Mr. Wilfrid Paling to be Postmaster-General; Mr. J. B. Hynd to be Minister of Pensions; and Lord Pakenham to be Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Lord Listowel was formerly Postmaster-General and is now promoted to Cabinet rank.

Lord Inman joins the Cabinet by succeeding Mr. Greenwood—now Minister Without Portfolio—as Lord Privy Seal.

Mr. Paling vacates the Ministry of Pensions to become Postmaster-General and is succeeded there by Mr. Hynd, who formerly had Ministerial responsibility for British elements of the Control Commission for Germany and the Allied Commission for Austria. This responsibility is henceforth to rest with the Foreign Secretary.

Lord Pakenham as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster will be responsible under Mr. Ernest Bevin for the administration of the British zones of Germany and Austria.

Lord Inman has resigned the chairmanship of the British Broadcasting Corporation but no successor there has yet been appointed.

WHY PETHICK-LAWRENCE RESIGNED

Lord Pethick-Lawrence recently wrote to the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee: "When I asked you a few months ago to be allowed to retire, you requested me to carry on for a time. I now feel more than ever convinced that increasingly heavy responsibilities are falling upon the holder of my office, and in particular the framing and piloting through Parliament of legislation that will be necessary to effect transfer of power in India and Burma require to be undertaken by a younger man and the sooner he is in the saddle the better. I trust, therefore, that you may find it possible to release me in the very early future."

Mr. Attlee replied: "I am most grateful to you for having agreed to carry on during the last few months. You have done great service during the past 20 months and have carried a burden of responsibility which might well have been too heavy for a much younger man.

"I greatly admired your courage in going out to India last summer and the endurance and skill you showed in your difficult task. I am also grateful to you for the loyal support and wise counsel which you have given as a member of the Government and for your service in the House of Lords. I hope that you will long enjoy the well-earned rest. I will make the necessary arrangements as soon as possible."

Lord Pethick-Lawrence's letter was dated April 2. All the changes now announced are consequent upon this fortnight-old resignation, which is unexpected.

William Francis Hare, the fifth Earl of Listowel, is 40 years of age and has been a Labour member in the London County Council since 1937. He was the whip of the Labour Party in the House of Lords from 1941 to 1944.

Lord Listowel was educated at Eton and Oxford and is a Doctor of Philosophy of the London University. He was Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for India 1944-45.

Lord Inman, who is Chairman of a number of charitable societies and member of the boards of several commercial projects, was born on June 12, 1892. He was created Baron in 1946.

The Rt. Hon. Wilfred Paling has been member of Parliament (Wentworth Division), since 1933 and Minister of Pensions since 1945. He is 64 years old. He started as a colliery check-weighman at Bulcrofte colliery and became Labour member of Parliament for Doncaster Division, Yorkshire, 1922-31, Junior Lord Treasury 1929-31, Lord Commissioner of the Treasury 1940-41, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions 1941|45, when he became Minister of Pensions. He is the Deputy Chief Whip of the Labour Party.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood has been Labour member of Parliament since 1932 and has been Lord Privy Seal since 1945 and Deputy Leader and acting Chairman of the Labour Party since 1942.

Mr. Greenwood has been the Treasurer of the Labour Party since 1943 and Secretary of the Labour Party Research and Information Department.

Mr. J. B. Hynd has been Labour Member for Attercliffe Division, Sheffield, since 1944 and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster since 1945. He is 45 years of age. He became a railway clerk in the office of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway at Perth District office. From 1925 to 1944 he was a clerk in the National Union of Railways.

Lord Pakenham, 42 years of age, has been Lord-in-Waiting to the King since 1945. He has been lecturer in politics at Christ Church, Oxford, and personal assistant to Lord Beveridge.

NO ANGLO-SOVIET TREATY YET

LONDON, April 17 (I.P.A.)—The report that Bevin is returning to London next week suggests that prospects are remote of the Foreign Minister bringing the draft of the Anglo-Soviet Treaty. "Though negotiations officially are not complete yet, diplomatic circles believe that the negotiations are likely to be postponed, pending clarification of the Russian attitude towards the Four Power Pact. It is believed that Molotov insists on the treaty clause for mutual aid against attack by a third party, while Bevin denies that there is any necessity for such a clause, provided Russia agrees and signs a strong Four-Power Anti-Aggression Pact. Diplomatic circles are inclined to the view that if Russia refuses to participate in Four-Power Pact, the proposal for the extension of the Anglo-Soviet Treaty may be terminated. It may be recalled that Bevin has been taking a stiff attitude in Moscow and that earlier American press reports about the breakdown in the Anglo-Soviet Treaty talks are not authoritatively denied.

NORMAL SERVICES FROM TO-DAY?

BOMBAY, April 17 (API).—The Management of the B.E.S.T. Company in a statement to the Press say: "If the employees who reported today and were detailed for duty tomorrow attend for these duties, the Company expects to operate practically normal services on all routes with both trams and buses."

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SIR C. P. SUGGESTS R. T. C. FOR CONGRESS-LEAGUE SETTLEMENT

TRIVANDRUM, April 17. (A.P.I.): Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, Dewan of Travancore, in a statement welcomes the "significant and timely" joint appeal for peace issued by Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. M. A. Jinnah, and says that the only chance of resolving the present political deadlock is the immediate summoning of a Round Table Conference, consisting of top-ranking leaders of the Congress, the Muslim League, the Sikhs, the Christians and the States' representatives.

The statement says:—

"If they fail, India will have inevitably to go through a period of confusion and chaos. It is imperative however that such an attempt should be made at this juncture. It is noteworthy that Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru has envisaged such a course of action in a recent speech. This attempt may be quite independent of the work of the Constituent Assembly".

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MAY.
NEW YORK, April 17.

Previous Closing	34.82
Today's Opening	34.95
Difference	+13
Today's Closing	34.97
Difference	+15

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
NEW YORK, April 17.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—
Anaconda Copper Mining $36-5/8.
General Motors $55-3/4.
United States Steel Common $67-3/4.
United States Steel Pref. $145.

B. E. S. T. workers gathered outside the Electric House on Thursday morning. They are likely to resume their duties to-day (Friday).

Queering Pitch For Indo-British Parleys

Tories Prod Dalton To Put Up Counter-Claim Against Sterling Balances

LONDON, April 17. (I.P.A.): It may be too much to interpret Dalton's reference to Britain's inability to afford "unrequited exports" as near repudiation of sterling obligations, but it is a pointed official hint to India that Britain will take a firm line during the reported Indo-British negotiations here next month.

Informed observers believe that what Dr. Dalton meant was that India and other Sterling Creditors would be requested to slow down drawings from London. India's adverse trade balance during the past 18 months resulted in loss of Sterling resources regarded too heavy here.

It will be recalled that India's recent ban on bullion imports are partially due to minimise drawings from London balances.

It is believed that during the coming London negotiations, Government would plead that India's drawings on Sterling Reserves should be reduced from July 15, when currect transactions become multilaterally convertible.

DALTON ASKED TO SUBMIT COUNTER-CLAIMS

LONDON, April 17 (Reuter).—Opening the third and final day's debate on the budget in the House of Commons today, Mr. Brendan Bracken, (Conservative) former Minister of Information, criticised the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Dr. Hugh Dalton, for not taking a stronger line against the unfair demand made upon us by the creditor nations whom we saved from destruction or pillage by Germany, Italy or Japan.

Apart from "violent verbiage", what had the Chancellor done to cut down the demands made by countries like India and Egypt, he asked.

He continued: "Nearly two years have passed without a settlement. Our debts to those countries are not commercial debts. They are, in fact, examples of some of the worst bookkeeping in history.

"The National Government, of which Dr. Dalton was a member, never concealed its intention of seeing that these inflated debts would be heavily scaled down at the end of the war. Our great friend President Roosevelt encouraged and pressed us to seek a sweeping reduction of these fantastic charges.

WHY PAY EGYPT?

"It is not unreasonable for us to expect sharp reduction in our war debt to Egypt. What would have happened to that country if Field Marshal Rommel or greedy Mussolini had occupied it?? Let us stop being too modest British and Dominion forces saved the whole population of Egypt from becoming slaves of the Axis and from losing all property of any value.

"I notice that the Egyptian Finance Minister was recently reported as suggesting that we should begin repaying our debt to Egypt by handing over the shares of the Suez Canal and the Anglo-Egyptian oilfields.

"Does that gentleman really believe that the British public are going to work for years to pay off some of the debts we incurred by saving Egypt from invasion? Are our people to be kept short of clothes, furniture and other amenities of life in order that our factory workers shall toil for the benefit of the Egyptians whom we saved from Axis invasion, exploitation and pillage?

Are we really to pay an enormous reparation to India for saving her from Japanese invasion? During the war India was a profiteer's paradise. Are we going to foot profiteer's bill?

"If not, why has not the Chancellor long since sent in a bill to India for saving her from the disaster of the Japanese conflict??

The first thing the Chancellor should have done on the morrow of our victories was to send in a Bill for all we did to save India and Egypt from the brutal Axis looters. I cannot understand the Chancellor's inertness to scaling down these inflated debts."

He criticised the Chancellor for neglecting to control departmental expenditure and said that his cheap money campaign was a "stunt." He predicted that when new nationalisation stocks had been issued the Chancellor would show much less interest in cheap money but the unfortunate railway and electricity stock holders would "be victimised twice over."

Foreign Troops To Quit Burma Within Six Months

RANGOON, April 17 (APA): Withdrawal of foreign troops from Burma will begin within a six-months period, a high Government official told the Associated Press of America today.

The official could not say whether British or Indian troops would leave first.

INDIAN TROOPS IN WITHDRAWAL FROM IRAQ

LONDON, April 17 (Reuter).—The British War Office declined to disclose the number of Indian troops involved in the withdrawal from Iraq this summer following their official communique of the forthcoming withdrawal of British and Indian land forces from that country.

DEMAND FOR ENDING MANDATE

DAMASCUS, April 17 (Reuter).—Arab League States have agreed to demand the end of Britain's mandate over Palestine when the United Nations begin discussion of the Palestine problem, it was announced in a communique here today.

BRITAIN TO FOREGO SEAT

LAKE SUCCESS, NEW YORK, April 17 (UPA).—Britain is ready to forego a seat on the United Nations proposed Palestine Fact Finding Commission if the other Big Powers and Arab States do likewise, official sources said today.

KRIPALANI SEES VICEROY

NEW DELHI, April 17. (A.P.I.): The Congress President Acharya J. B. Kripalani had an interview with the Viceroy Lord Mountbatten this evening for 75 minutes.

The Sikh leaders Sardar Baldev Singh, Master Tara Singh and Giani Kartar Singh are meeting the Viceroy jointly tomorrow.

Disturbances Flare Up In Frontier Again

Looting And Arson In Tank: Half Of D.I. Khan Reduced To Ashes

PESHAWAR, April 17. (A.P.I.): Some shops are reported to have been set on fire in Tank this afternoon. Looting and rioting is also reported in the bazar, where fires are still raging at 5 p.m.

Two persons have been killed.

The Frontier Constabulary has already reached Tank.

24-HOUR CURFEW IN D. I. KHAN

Twenty-four hours curfew has been clamped down on Dera Ismail Khan where military reinforcements have reached from Bannu and Manzai.

Six Villages On Fire

The situation in Dera Ismail Khan is under control but fires have been seen in six other villages in the district, says a communique issued by the Frontier Government today.

At Tank a part of the town is on fire and two persons are reported to have been killed. Troops and Frontier Constabulary are assisting the police in maintaining order.

LEAGUERS DO DAMAGE AT BANNU

At Bannu yesterday a procession of Muslim League caused damaged to the court of the Senior Sub-Judge and Municipal Office. Today the Muslim Leaguers entered the court of the political Tehsildar and damaged Government property and judicial records. Although there is tension, situation is reported to be well in hand.

IN PESHAWAR

A Hindu was shot in the abdomen in his shop in Peshawar Cantonment this afternoon.

Havoc In D. I. Khan

According to unofficial reports received here from Dera Ismail Khan, about four hundred shops and houses have been burnt in Tuesday's fire besides one cinema, the Town Hall, Pawindah Sarai, two prominent places of worship, a college and a school.

The first place which was set on fire was the cinema hall on Circular Road. Then some shops outside Topanwala Gate were burnt. Meanwhile several fires were seen raging from various parts of the city and within a short time it enveloped the main business centres and went out of control. The grain market Bazar Kalan, Pawaindah Sarai and the Bazar were gutted and the fire then gradually spread to a portion of Bhatinanwala Bazar. It was brought under control before it could do further spread to residential quarters.

NOON FOR FRONTIER

RAWALPINDI, April 17 (API).—Malik Firoz Khan Noon who has been touring the riot affected areas in the Rawalpindi Division for the last fortnight is shortly proceeding to the Frontier Province to study the situation created by the Muslim League agitation in the Province.

FIRE IN LAHORE FRUIT MARKET

LAHORE, April 17 (API).—The District Magistrate of Lahore, in a statement today advised the public to surrender unlicensed arms.

He says: Any one who is at present in possession of an unlicensed weapon of any sort is urged in his own interest to deposit it at his nearest police station immediately. No action will be taken against persons making such voluntary deposits before April 25.

A few bamboo huts were burnt as the result of a fire which broke out in the local fruit market this afternoon. The municipal fire brigade promptly responded to the call and localised the outbreak. The shop of a tailor also caught fire in the Beadon Road almost simultaneously but it was put out by the fire brigade before any damage was caused. The extent of damage at both the places is negligible.

Hindu business quarters remained closed today in Lahore as a protest against the conviction of Mr. V. G. Deshpande, General Secretary of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha.

EXODUS TO SIMLA POSTPONED

The move of the Punjab Government Secretariat Camp office and office of the heads of Departments to Simla, which was notified as taking place on May 7, 1947, has now been indefinitely postponed, says an official announcement.

Several Houses Gutted In Gujranwala

GUJRANWALA, April 17 (API):—Several houses were gutted in a serious fire which broke out last night in Wazirabad, resulting in a loss of several thousands of rupees.

It is stated that the fire originated in the shop of a confectioner who had stored kerosene and other oils. Fire brigades which were requisitioned from Sialkot and Gujranwala fought the flames for five hours and brought the conflagration under control. Nothing is known about the cause of the fire which is believed to be accidental.

PATWARI ASSAULTED

AMRITSAR, April 16 (API): During relaxed curfew hours to-day one Tehsil Patwari was assaulted outside Mahasingh gate. The victim was removed to hospital with a serious in-

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HALF OF D. I. KHAN BURNT

PESHAWAR, April 16 (API).—Half the city of Dera Ismail Khan is burnt, according to information reaching Peshawar this evening. The fires which started yesterday are reported to be under control now. The total number of casualties now is ten killed and 23 injured.

BANKING CRISIS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The public attention is again drawn that safety of Banks mostly lies on confidence of longer times during which they can get good building, good furniture, experienced and reliable staff, slow deposits and good investments, which is impossible to be had in a short time. Besides this, Banking is a very hard nut to crack. It requires major portion of the Founders own money, very hard labour, supervision, pains and very old Banking experience of Founders themselves without expecting much from their new staff, as no one on the earth can expect to have allround experienced and reliable Banking staff within a short period and to continue it longer is impossible. Due to lack of all these qualifications, Banking crisis is again speedy and the public have lost a lot due to good many Banks having failed recently, and God knows what they may suffer in future having started dealings with new Banks without seeing much stability.

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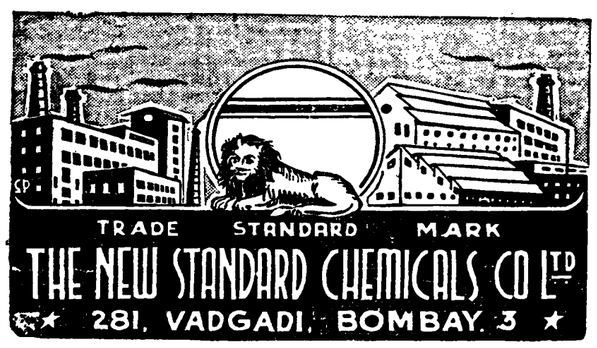

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India Playing With Fire

Pogroms Lead To Reprisals

'Irish Press' Warns Against Dismemberment

DUBLIN, April 16. (U.P.A.): The India case for partition is being established—as its case in Ireland was sought to be established—by pogroms, Premier Eamon de Valera's newspaper *Irish Press* said in a leading article today.

"It is a tragedy that the Indians have allowed themselves to be goaded into what we in Ireland were so careful to avoid. For pogroms have led to reprisals and as the vast area of rioting and violence spreads, the darker becomes the future of India. In this country it will always be one of our finest memories that there was never persecution of the minority, wherever the Nationalists were in the majority. Despite the provocation offered by savage and incessant attacks extending over two years on the minority in Belfast, the religious minority in the 26 counties went unharmed and, indeed, became the object of special concern and protection," the paper said.

FATAL OUTCOME.

"But the Indian pogroms are having one strange—and it may be fatal—outcome. They have caused the Sikhs and the Hindus in the Moslem provinces to demand 'Pakistan' for their own communities. Like Bengal, the Punjab falls into two areas of division, the Moslems being concentrated in the West of the province and the Sikhs and Hindus in the East, though, on the whole, the Moslems greatly outnumber the others. Having suffered the burning of their homes and the slaying of their co-religionists, the Sikhs and the Hindus now refuse to accept the Moslem Ministry and are demanding to be partitioned off. 'The object', said the "Manchester Guardian" the other day, 'is to reduce the Moslem majority provinces to such small dimensions that the idea of Pakistan could no longer appear workable or attractive to the most ardent Moslem.'

"WE WOULD URGE ALL SECTIONS OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE NOT TO PLAY WITH FIRE. THE SECTIONS IN THIS COUNTRY MOST OPPOSED TO PARTITION PLAYED WITH FIRE AND WERE VERY BADLY BURNED. IN 1921 IT WAS A COMPLETE PUZZLE TO MANY IRISHMEN HOW CERTAIN LEADERS OF THE STRONGEST NATIONAL FEELING COULD HAVE GOT THEMSELVES TO SUPPORT A SETTLEMENT WHICH CLEARLY INVOLVED ACCEPTANCE OR AT LEAST SUBMISSION TO PARTITION.

IRELAND'S EXAMPLE

"It transpired that during the negotiations in London no less a person than the British Premier, Mr. Lyold George pledged himself to the leading plenipotentiaries that only a boundary drawn in strict accord with the wishes of the inhabitants would be allowed. It was thus indicated that the two Nationalist counties of Tyrnone and Fermanagh and the Parliamentary Divisions of South Dawn, South Armagh and Derry City would be permitted to join with the rest of Ireland. It was, therefore, argued that the partitioned area would be too small to maintain a separate existence and that Ireland would be automatically reunited. But when the matter came to the test in 1925, the British Premier and his colleagues took up the exactly opposite stand and announced that they had never intended that there should be anything more than minor rectifications of the existing boundary and that, in fact, some extra territory might have to be added to the partitioned area.

DANGEROUS COURSE.

"IRELAND'S RESISTANCE TO THIS BASE DECEPTION WAS WEAKENED BY THE FACT THAT SOME OF HER LEADERS HAD ACCEPTED A SETTLEMENT CONTENDING THE PRINCIPLE OF DISMEMBERMENT. IN INDIA, LIKEWISE, IT MAY NOW SEEM CLEVER TO PARTITION THE VERY PROVINCES SEEKING PARTITION BUT IF THE IRISH EXAMPLE COUNTS FOR ANYTHING IT SHOWS THAT IT IS A DANGEROUS COURSE TO FOLLOW."

NATIONALIST CHRISTIANS DISFAVOUR SEPARATE ELECTORATES

Replies To Consembly Committee's Questionnaire

The Committee of the Nationalist Christian Party, Bombay, of which Mr. J. S. S. Malelu is the President, have replied as follows to the questionnaire issued by the Advisory Committee on Minorities set up by the Constituent Assembly:—

The Committee of the Nationalist Christian Party after careful consideration of the question of safeguards for Minorities in the new constitution, would reiterate their view that the political, economic and civic interests of Minorities are inter-linked and identical with those of the people as a whole.

With reference to the first point in the questionnaire regarding the nature and scope of safeguards for Minorities, we feel that the answer to this question is contained in the replies to questions 2, 3 and 4.

Q. 2. In our opinion any attempt to safeguard the political interests of a Minority Community either at the Centre or in the Provinces, by Separate Electorates, will, in effect, be detrimental to the Minority concerned. This Committee is painfully aware of the disastrous effects the communal electoral system has brought about on the political life of the nation, both on the majority as well as on Minority communities. The earlier that all the communities feel that their political, economic and civic interests are the same by the introduction of general electorates on a regional basis, the better for all. It will, however, take some time for this kind of consciousness in the masses and until they are sufficiently educated, reservation of an adequate number of seats in multiple constituencies will be necessary.

Q. 3. In the economic field, it is well known that the wealth of the nation is very unevenly distributed. To avoid clashes between the have-nots and the haves, the State will have to provide opportunities for work and a living wage for all. Assuming that this is done there can be no economic problem either of the majority or the minority.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Coming to the question of services, and other appointments, our Committee would prefer to give efficiency the first consideration, and would urge that a system be devised by which for posts required to be filled by open competition all possibility of communal bias influencing selections is precluded. To attain this end we may suggest that the individuals, boards or bodies entrusted with the selection of candidates, be provided with only the qualifications of the candidates, but not their names or any other clues which may indicate the religion of the community of the candidate as is the case with University examinations.

The Committee, however, recognizes that there are communities which are not as advanced as others and which, therefore, need some special consideration. We would, therefore, approve of the classification into advanced, intermediate and backward classes, whereby those communities which are educationally not so advanced and who therefore are not able to enter the services in adequate number through open competition may be provided for through the special provision made for intermediate and backward classes.

RELIGIOUS SAFEGUARDS

Q. 4. The Indian Christian Community would ask that proper religious safeguards be provided for whereby every individual and group will be allowed to practise, preach and propagate their religion without let or hindrance. They would also ask that they be allowed to maintain their denominational schools, colleges and religious institutions so that their cultural entity be kept intact. As regards denominational educational institutions, provided that they come up to the required standard, they shall be entitled to the same financial and other aids from Government as other non-denominational institutions.

Q. 5. To ensure that members of the Minority communities are not, in practice, subjected to unfair discrimination and unjust treatment, it is necessary in our opinion to establish in each Province and at the Centre Minority Bureaus charged with the duty of investigating all cases of alleged ill-treatment or discrimination and of taking effective steps to see that all grievances brought to their notice are promptly redressed.

Q. 6. The proposed safeguards, which should be incorporated in the future constitution of India, should be retained on the statutes till such time as the people have confidence in the Government of the country and have been sufficiently welded together and formed into a nation.

Iraq Expects Revision Of 1932 Pact With Britain

BAGHDAD, April 17 (A.P.A.): Doctor Fadhel Jamaly, the Iraq Foreign Minister, replying in Parliament's Lower House last night to critics of the Government's foreign policy, said that Iraq was hoping to negotiate for a revision of the 1932 Anglo-Iraq treaty "on an equal basis" with Britain.

BENGAL CANCELS ALL HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS

Sequel To Continued Abnormal Conditions

CALCUTTA, April 16 (A.P.I.): The Bengal Hockey Association Council today decided that in view of the continued abnormal conditions in the city, it would be inadvisable to run this year the Lagden Memorial Shield competition for the Bengal Championship, the Lakshmibilas Cup tournament, and the All-India tournament open only to Indian teams and the Sir Ashutosh Choudhury Memorial Cup, open only to colleges.

At the last meeting it was decided not to hold the Beighton Cup and abandon the Calcutta Hockey League and the Council then decided to consider the question of other tournaments at a later stage. In pursuance of the decision the Council met this evening and decided to cancel all tournaments this year except the Kaivan Cup, open only to junior teams.

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UNIVERSITY FOR KARNATAK

Committee To Submit Report Before End Of December

The Government of Bombay has appointed a Committee under the chairmanship of the Hon. Mr. Justice N. S. Lokur to report on the question of the establishment of a University for Karnatak.

The other members of the Committee are: Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao, Mr. D. P. Karmarkar, M.L.A. (Central), Mr. R. A. Jahagirdar, Mr. A. A. Kittur, Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Prof. S. S. Basavanal, Mr. K. R. Haldipur, Mr. Ramshivayya, Dr. S. C. Nandimath, Mr. B. N. Datar, and Mr. L. M. A. Menezes, (Member-Secretary).

The terms of reference to the Committee are: (1) to make recommendations as to the form, scope, constitution and jurisdiction of a University for Karnatak, including the question of granting affiliation to the institutions outside the limits of the Bombay Province; (2) to report on the cost of the establishment and maintenance of the University and to make proposals for raising the necessary funds; and (3) to make any other recommendations germane to the subject.

The Committee has been requested to submit its report to the Government as early as possible, before the end of December 1947.

RECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCES

District conferences on Post-War Reconstruction will be held at Sholapur for Sholapur District on April 19 and 20, Broach for Broach district on April 25 and 26, Dhulia for West Khandesh District on May 2 and 3, and Surat for Surat District on May 9 and 10.

The Minister for Reconstruction and Excise, Mr. L. M. Patil, will address them and it is expected that important decisions will be taken on the execution of reconstruction schemes in the districts concerned.

One of the objects of the Government, it is understood, is to revivify the countryside by a comprehensive programme of rural development and a start will be made with the implementation of its five-year plan immediately.

Shantilal Vasa's Plight

Sjt. Vajubhai Shukla, a prominent leader of Kathiawar has issued a statement to the Press in the course of which he says:

"Bitter complaints have come from Jamnagar where Sjt. Shantilal Vasa, the well-known labour leader is rotting in jail now for the fifth time. Though he is sentenced to ten months' simple imprisonment, he is treated as a criminal; he is not allowed to use his cloth. (He is given jail cloth). No interviews are granted to him; not even his family members. His diet is also not satisfactory. Again he is let out from his cell only for two hours, and the rest of the time he is kept under lock and key!

Sjt. Vasa was sentenced on a queer charge of defamating Public Prosecutor Mr. Bhagwanji for 7 months' S.I. and Rs. 100 fine or in default 3 months more. His "crime" was that of distributing the weekly paper 'Janyug' in which according to Mr. Bhagwanji there were "objectionable and defamatory matters."

CITY BAN EXTENDED

The order banning carrying without permission of lethal weapons and corrosive substances like acids, etc., in Greater Bombay has been extended for a further period of one month from April 18.

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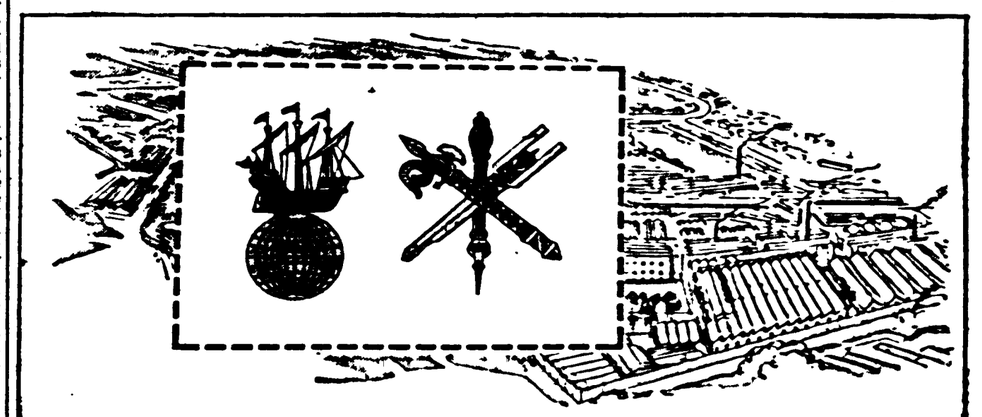

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MR. FAZLE ABBAS M. GOAWALLA of Messrs. M. E. Goawalla & Co., is proceeding to the United Kingdom by the "EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA" TODAY on a business trip. He will also visit the continent and the United States to renew contacts with constituent business houses in these countries.

Messrs. M. E. Goawalla & Co., are the biggest wholesale and retail dealers of Fishermen's netting twine, Heald Cord and other cordages, bandings and rope. Mr. Fazle Abbas M. Goawalla looks after the Firm's manufacturing side and is the Managing Director of the Pioneer Rope & Twine Factory having their extensive factory site at Kurla, and the Bombay Tin Smithing & Metal Plate Company where Textile Machinery Spare parts and Accessories such as Card Cans, Sundries, Weft Cans, Waste Cans, Doffing Cans, Oil Cans, Tin Rollers etc. are manufactured. The main purpose of Mr. Fazle Abbas M. Goawalla's visit is to see and select machinery to develop both these Factories.

Prior to their departure both Mr. Fazle Abbas M. Goawalla and his campanion Mr. Tayabali Mamajiwalla were the recipients of many congratulatory addresses by well-wishers, friends and admirers.

GOKHALE MEETS MORARJI DESAI

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. B. K. Gokhale, Secretary to the Government of India, Works, Mines and Power Department, who arrived in Bombay from New Delhi on April 14, met Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, at the Secretariat this morning and discussed with him the question of requisitioned lands and buildings in Bombay.

Mr. Gokhale is leaving for Poona today and will return to Bombay on April 24. He will leave for New Delhi on the following day.

RAJEN BABU URGED TO BAN VANASPATI

A deputation lead by Sheth Megji Sojpal, President of the Bombay Humanitarian League, with representatives of the Committee for the Prevention of Adulteration of Milk, Butter and Ghee, the Bombay Provincial Federation of Goshalas and Panjarapoles and Ghee Merchants' Association, waited upon Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Member for Food and Agriculture, in Bombay on the 14th April and explained to him how the cattle-wealth of our country is being decreasing at fast rate due to epidemics, lack of nutritious and proper feeding and chiefly indiscriminate slaughter all, of which can be prevented. They also stressed that cows and bullocks are the mainstay of our agriculture and suggested measures like prevention of slaughter of useful cows buffaloes and young stock, enlarging fodder resources and increasing and importing concentrates and oilcakes, production of more pedigree bulls and their distribution, grading of village non-descript cattle and establishment of bull centres and model civil dairy farms of cows.

The deputation also urged upon Dr. Prasad the prevention of production of "Vanaspati" and explained to him how the same is injurious, causing rise in the price of edible oils without adding any extra benefit thereby. They also illustrated how this product is ruining ghee and cattle-breeding industry and how, if not checked right now, it will doom Indian agriculture ultimately. The Deputation urged upon Government for a definite policy on this matter and submitted certain recommendations with a special request to prohibit the manufacture of "Vanaspati" which is resulting in extensive adulteration of ghee. They also suggested that licences for the "Vanaspati" plants yet to be set should be cancelled and the ghee industry be encouraged by giving subsidy.

INDIA GOVT. TO PUBLISH QUARTERLY JOURNAL

NEW DELHI, April 16. (A.P.I.): The Government of India, it is learnt, is shortly bringing out a quaterly journal under the title "The Indian Archives" with a view to stimulating interest in and impart information about the science of archives. The journal, which is the first of its kind in India will seek to provide specialists working in the field with a forum for the expression of their views on the various problems relating to preservation and collection of historical documents.

Dr. N Sen, Director of Archives, Government of India, it is learnt, will be the Chief Editor of the Journal.

CITY & SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Chaitra Vad 12, 2003.
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Avval 25, 1366.
Parsi: Avan 17, 1316.
Sunrise: 6-21 a.m. Sunset: 6-57 p.m.
Hightide: 10-13, 22-33.
Lowtide: 04-18, 16-07.

Today's Engagements

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUNDS: Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected Members of Ward No. 3, today, 8-30 a.m. (S. T.), at the junction of Mohomedally Road and Musjid Bunder and go round with them in the Ward.

ANJUMAN-I-ISLAM Meeting of the Sub-Committee for the Urdu Research Institute, today (Friday), at 6 p.m. (S. T.), at the Anjuman Building, 92, Hornby Road, Fort.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Public study-class today (Friday), at 6-15 p.m., at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

INSURANCE SOCIETY BOMBAY: Public Debate at the Indian Merchants' Chamber (Opp. Churchgate Station), today (Friday), at 6-45 p.m. on 'Nationalisation of Insurance'.

IQBAL DAY: Under the auspices of the Progressive Writers' Association and Gujerati Lekhak Milan, the Anniversary of the Poet Iqbal will be celebrated at the Bhavatsky Hall, at 6 p.m., tomorrow (Saturday), when 1. Poet Harindranath Chatopadhyaya; 2. Josh Malihabadi (the great Urdu poet); 3. Ali Sardar Jaffri; 4. Marsandas Manek and 5. Jyotindra Dave, will speak.

MR. S. A. BRELVI FOR BANGALORE

Mr. S. A. Brelvi, Editor, "Bombay Chronicle," is arriving in Bangalore on the 21st instant from Madras to perform the opening ceremony of the office of the Indian National Directories, Bangalore.

TODAY ON RADIO

FRIDAY, April 18.
BOMBAY—1.

7-30 a.m. Swar Kalika (by D'Amel) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 M. D. Tendulkar (Violin) 8-45 Sheikhial Qawwal and Party 9-0 Bhimsen Joshi (Jaunpuri.

12-0 p.m. Programme of special interest to women (G) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Apni Apni Pasand 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Music 4-20 K. V. Desai (Bhimpalas) 4-45 B. R. Karanjkar (Bhavgeeten) 5-0 M. D. Tendulkar (Violin) 5-15 Children's programme (H) 5-45 Topic of Day 5-55 Locals 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Amritlal Raval (Gujarati Geet) 6-30 Kamalabai Vijapurkar (Puria Dhanashri) 7-0 Khabardar Krut Geeto (Gujarati Geet) 7-15 M. D. Tendulkar (Violin) 7-30 Udyogdhandyanche Rashtriyakaran Ani Rahaniche Maan Discussion by Dr. S. K. Muranjan and P. S. Rege (M) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Lady Windermere's Fan (Adapted from Oscar Wilde's play by Urmilla Sen) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Programme Parade 9-45 Films and society: (Discussion between Durga Rashid and J. B. H. Wadia) 10-0 Khayal 'Bihagda' (Pyari pag hole) 10-15 Bhimsen Joshi (Chhayanat).

B.E.S.T. Services Today On 'Very Restricted Scale'

"Unpleasant Incidents" Lead To Suspension Of Skeleton Services: Union Secretary Arrested For Alleged Defiance Of Ban

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Many workers of the Bombay Electric and Tramway Company, including the scheduled staff, reported for duty during the course of the day, in obedience to the decision of the Joint Council of Action of their Union calling off the strike.

The resumption of duty was marked by unpleasant incidents when workers, returning for duty, are alleged to have indulged in acts of violence against volunteers who were operating the Company's skeleton services. One of the volunteers is reported to have received serious injuries. Following this, violent turn in the situation, the management decided to suspend the skeleton service from today. Bus and tram services will be run by the Company on a very limited scale from tomorrow with the available workers. This will be supplemented by the service operated by the Emergency Transport Board.

The Management is not hopeful of immediate resumption of normal bus and tram services, as many of the workers are away from Bombay and as such are not aware of the decision of the Union. It will take at least a couple of days to put all the trams on the track, as the points have to be checked, the lines have to be cleaned and other technical preliminaries gone through.

The B.E.S.T. office has begun to function normally as majority of the clerical staff have resumed duty.

It is learnt that Mr. Abidalli Jafferbhoy, who resigned the presidentship of the Union, may take over the leadership again in deference to the desire of majority of the workers. The general body of the Union may meet shortly, if permission is granted by the Government, to place the decision of the Council of Action for ratification.

UNPLEASANT INCIDENTS

A. L. Guilford, General Manager, B.E.S.T. Co. writes:—

The reporting of employees for duty this morning has given rise to several unpleasant incidents. These include assaults on volunteer workers one of which resulted in severe injuries, abuse of passengers travelling on the Company's vehicles and spitting at passengers and vehicles.

As a result of the assaults and threats of further assaults if the volunteers continued to work, the volunteers are no longer willing to report for duty, and it is regretted that in consequence of this it will not be possible to operate any service this evening.

So far only a very limited number of traffic employees have reported and unless the position improves considerably later in the day, the tram and bus services to-morrow will necessarily be on a very restricted scale.

In some departments of the Company practically all the employees have reported for duty, and it is expected that others will report before the end of the day.

General Secretary Arrested

Mr. G. G. Mehta, General Secretary of the B.E.S.T. Workers' Union, was arrested this afternoon at his residence by the Bombay C.I.D. on a charge of addressing meetings of the workers in defiance of the ban on public meetings. He was later released on bail by the police.

Mr. Mehta this morning addressed the workers from the top of a tree at Cooperage grounds when he explained to them the circumstances that led to the decision to call off the strike. He addressed a similar meeting at Kingsway later.

FORFEITURE ORDER CANCELLED

The Government of Bombay has cancelled the order of forfeiture of the publication in Gujarati entitled "Sainikna Suro", published by R. J. Doshi, Wadhwan City.

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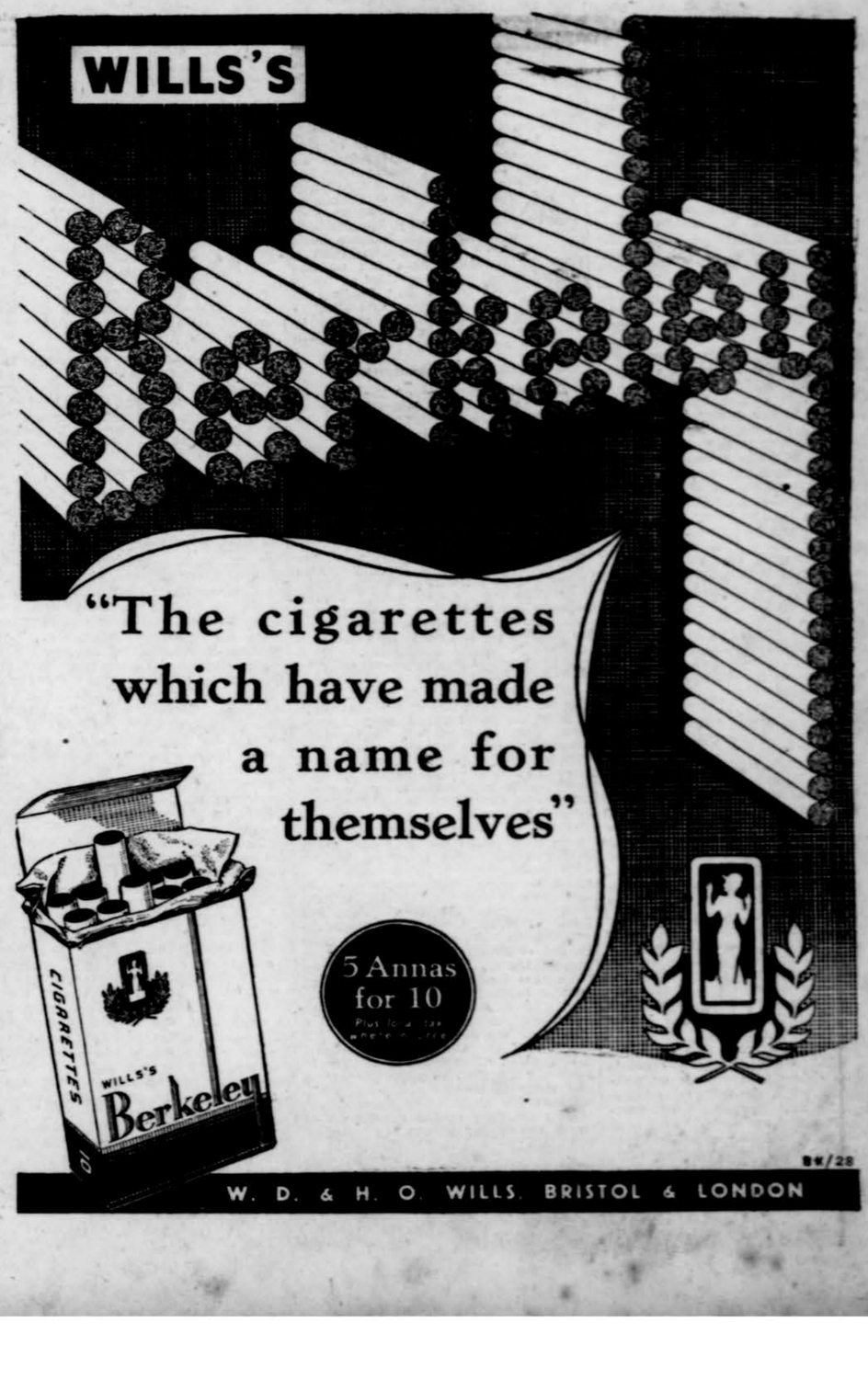

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, April 17, (A. P. I.): Following is the weather chart showing maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during past 24 hours, from April 1, 1947, and departure from normal recorded at 08.00 hours (I. S. T.), on 17th April, 1947:—

Ahmedabad 93 76 0.1 0.2 plus 0.2, Ahmednagar 91 69 0 1.9 plus 1.7, Ajmer 102 82 0 0 minus 0.1, Akola 101 75 0 0.1 0, Allahabad 106 77 0 0 minus 0.1, Bangalore 89 69 0 0.1, Baroda 95 75 0.1 0.2 nil, Belgaum 85 67 0 1.2 plus 0.3, Bellary 98 78 0 0.2 0, Bhopal 93 74 0 0 minus 0.1, Bhuj 98 81 0 0 minus 0.1, BOMBAY 88 76 0.4 0.8 plus 0.8, Calcutta 97 83 0 0 minus 8.8, Colombo 88 78 0 4.5 minus 0.3, Delhi 104 74 0 0 minus 0.2, Gaya 109 77 0 0 minus 0.1, Honavar 90 81 0 1.9 nil, Hyderabad (Dn.) 97 77 0 0.1 minus 0.7, Hyderabad (Sd.) 123 76 0 0 0, Jaipur 104 75 0 0 minus 0.1, Karachi 98 77 0 0 minus 0.1, Khandwa 104 80 0 0 0, Lahore 105 67 0 0 minus 0.4, Lucknow 106 80 0 0 minus 0.2, Madras 96 82 0 1.0 plus 0.8, Multan 110 71 0 0 minus 0.2, Ootacamund 71 48 0.5 9.3 plus 7.9, Pachmarhi 90 67 0 0 minus 0.1, Peshawar 99 65 0 0 minus 2.2, Poona 92 73 0.1 1.0 plus 0.7, Rajkot 89 71 1.1 1.2 plus 1.1, Ranchi 101 74 0 0 minus 0.4, Rawalpindi 101 64 0 0 minus 1.4, Sholapur 96 74 0 0.3 plus 0.2, Surat 95 74 0.3 0.3 plus 0.3.

Widespread Rainfall In Konkan And S. Gujarat

POONA, April 17, (A. P. I.): Following is weather summary for Thursday, April 17:—

The cyclonic storm in the Arabian Sea has moved north-eastwards and has become severe, centred at 08-00 hours (I. S. T.) about 50 miles east-south-east of Veraval. It is likely to cross coast near Surat. A western disturbance is approaching the North-West Frontier. Rainfall has been widspread in Konkan and South Gujarat and local in Assam and Malabar. A few light showers have also occurred in the Bombay Deccan, North Hyderabad and Orissa. Day temperatures continue markedly above normal in the North-West India.

Forecast until 18th evening:—Rainfall will be widespread in the North Konkan, Gujarat, North Bombay Deccan, Central India, and North Central Provinces and will be local in East Rajputana, East United Provinces and Assam. A few showers will occur in Malabar the South Bombay Deccan, Hyderabad, West United Provinces and in extreme north of the country.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The grandest character is grown in hardship. Effeminacy springs out of luxury. The best men the world ever reared have been brought up in the school of adversity and hardship.

—Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D.

The Bombay Chronicle

U.S. BARGAINING AT GENEVA

From the full report of the first session of the preparatory committee of the United Nations conference on trade and employment, as also from later news in connection with the activities of the drafting committee at New York, it is clear that at the meeting of the preparatory committee which is now being held at Geneva, the U.S.A. representatives will try their utmost to secure immediate reduction of tariffs on as many individual items of trade as possible, and to restrict, if not to end, the regime of British preferences. Our representatives at the Geneva conference may be trusted, if they are well briefed by the business interests concerned, to hold their own at this sordid game of trafficing in tariffs to which the mighty professions of an International Trade Organization seem to have been reduced. Within the narrow range of terms of trade India has any day more to offer, as her imports from U.S.A. are highly competitive while American imports of Indian goods are mostly of a non-competitive character. As Indian industries are passing through a difficult period of transition and as the future of our national economic policy is for various reasons uncertain, we cannot afford to make any large or lasting commitments. For the present it is of the utmost importance to ascertain the full implications of the lead towards international action in economic matters that is being offered by the U.S.A. The first preparatory conference has already made it clear that the action of the I.T.O. involves issues affecting not only the question of tariffs but also of all our external economic relations.

The whole world today is at a fateful parting of ways, but a special significance attaches to the choice that U.S.A. makes between two alternative courses open to it. The main facts of the situation are that politically and militarily U.S.A. is the single most effective power among nations, and industrially it has reached a stage of development in which access to the world's raw materials and markets is of utmost importance to a smooth functioning of its expanding economy. The instinct of self-preservation is bound to dictate for many less endowed States, including Great Britain, a course of ultimate dependence on America. International negotiations in such context tend to become forcible dragging rather than a common peaceful effort. The reactions produced by the Anglo-American loan in the two countries will bear out the truth of this position. In fairness to the American spokesmen whose responsibility it is to represent their country's policy at International gatherings it must be admitted that they have tried to recognize the obvious merits of diverging views and they have not as yet tried to impose any agreements by resort either to economic or political power. But the inherent contradictions in and limitations of American policy are so obvious and bear such an unmistakable resemblance to the familiar figure of expanding capitalism seeking relief in Imperialism that it behoves all freedom loving nations, including U.S.A. itself, to take stock of the situation and to define suitable conditions for large nations as well as small ones to co-operate in friendly international action.

The vital question affecting American economic relations is two-fold. American balance of trade is even now excessively favourable. The U. S. A. figures as a prominent seller, but does not buy enough to enable other countries to square their balances. What is America itself going to do, by way of abandoning its protective tariff, adapting its economy to take in increasing quantities of foreign produce and encouraging other nations to increase their exportable surpluses to meet this obviously untenable situation? To this question there has, unfortunately, been no definite answer. The lack of a positive policy in this respect vitally affecting the economic future of less advanced countries is in sharp contrast with the very detailed demands that U. S. A. has to urge at almost all international gatherings for promoting greater economic co-operation. The other equally important, and equally mystifying, feature of American policy is in regard to capital and capital goods, including technical skills. The world can function as an unified market only if all the requisites of prosperity are internationalized. The U.S.A. today is keen on free access to raw materials and to markets for finished goods. If we were to stop with only these features of international trade American goods would wipe out indegenous industries as surely as the British did a century ago. Clearly America cannot own such a desire. But in the light of past experience unless the U.S.A. goes out of its way to provide capital, capital goods and technical skills to other members of the comity of nations through international channels, there would be justifiable apprehensions entertained by the latter. Trade policy cannot be considered in isolation: it must be integrated with the whole complex of economic policy. If the almost unending series of a variety of international conferences is not to end in futility, it is high time the U. S. A. thought of positive contribution to world prosperity. In the absence of more convincing reassurance on these vital aspects of world economy the bargaining at Geneva can only be tentative and infructuous.

Frankly Speaking

"Tension In Palestine"

The execution of Dov Gruner and three other Jewish terrorists in the Acre prison has not unnaturally forced the British authorities to place Palestine almost in a state of siege. Extensive curfew has been imposed, a sort of martial law applied and the entire British Army put at action stations. Trouble and serious trouble is inevitable. For the Irgun Zvai Leumi will certainly try to carry out its "seven-fold" retaliation threat and the other Jews, who always profess opposition to Irgun terrorism but never fight it, will rise in shocked indignation. For all this the British themselves are to blame. By recklessly awarding capital sentences and then yielding so often to threats and shouts they themselves have encouraged the expected reactions. Whatever the rights and wrongs of sentencing Gruner to death and executing him, the British must reap the whirlwind as the result of their own sowing. And part of that whirlwind will, of course, be the expression of pious horror by all the Zionists and friends of Zionists in America and Britain, who cannot bear the martyrdom of European Jews but do not bother about the martyrdom of Arabs and Arab Palestine. The death of Dov Gruner will be used ostensibly to denounce the British but really to reinforce the demand for Zionisation of Arab Palestine.

Insurance For Seamen

Dr. Laura Bodmer of the International Labour Office and Professor B. P. Adarkar have submitted to the Government of India a scheme of social security for the benefit of Indian seamen, the essential outlines of which were published from New Delhi the other day. The scheme contemplates comprehensive multiple insurance in respect of sickness, employment, injury, old age, survivors' insurance as well as insurance for "waiting periods", which last is a common feature of the life of a seamen. And from the fact that an inquiry preparatory to the formulation of the scheme was made, it may be presumed that the Government of India intend to implement it and fulfil their obligations to I.L.O. conventions.

A Hard Life

But there are certain difficulties in the matter. The life of the seaman is one of the hardest and most precarious. The system of recruitment through Sarangs is notorious for corruption and coercion. It is unfortunate that no adequate inquiry has yet been made into methods of recruitment and conditions of service. The seamen's interests in these respects have to be safeguarded. Moreover, there is the other difficulty that many Indian seamen are employed in foreign ships, some of which belong to countries which have no system of insurance or protection of the laskar's other interests. The Government will have to make some satisfactory arrangements with such countries. Lastly, out of 300,000 seamen, qualified by service, the insurance scheme contemplates the employment of only 80,000. In this connection, however, it should be borne in mind that the Indian Merchant Marine is on the eve of a period of expansion. With the full backing of the Government of India a delegation of shippers is shortly to leave for England to negotiate for a fair share of coastal and foreign navigation for India. The Government is also assisting in the acquisition of more and bigger vessels by Indian concerns.

Wanted New Deal

The future possibilities for Indian shipping are immense. It is already facing a vista of vast and prosperous extension immediately after the country attains its independence, which is now a matter of some thirteen months only. It follows naturally that the scope of employment for Indian seamen will soon be vastly increased. It is, therefore, time for the Government of India to take up the whole question of the recruitment, training and working conditions of seamen, institute whatever further inquiry is deemed necessary and decide upon a national policy which will encourage seafaring as a reasonably attractive profession instead of being, as it is to-day, the last refuge of the desperate. India is a great country with a vast seaboard, vast enough to match it with the greatest of maritime countries. Its economic and industrial potential is immense. And while it has certainly no ambition to build an Empire founded upon the seas, its coming greatness requires that India lay firmly the foundation of a sturdy, eager, happy and patriotic community of seafarers. The Indian seaman too is entitled to a new deal.

ANGLO-SOVIET PACT REVISION

Decision Unlikely At Moscow: Yugoslav Claims On Austria

LONDON, April 17. (Reuter): Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, and the British delegation now attending the Foreign Ministers' Conference in Moscow are expected to leave for London next Tuesday.

It seems unlikely that revision of the Anglo-Soviet Pact will be completed before the Moscow Conference ends, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

It was stated in London today that the negotiations had not broken down but that no agreed draft had been reached. Both sides had presented proposals. In some instances there were differences of "certain magnitude" on these proposals.

It is possible that the next meeting of the Foreign Ministers' Council will be held in London.

MOSCOW, April 17. (Reuter): Yugoslav claims for £37.500 reparations from Austria and a 75-mile strip of territory along the border of the Austrian Province of Carinthia were argued before the Council of Foreign Ministers here today by M. Edward Kardelj, Yugoslav Vice-Premier, and M. Stanque Simic, Yugoslav Foreign Minister.

Dr. Karl Gruber, Minister-in-charge of the Austria Foreign Office, will be heard tomorrow after which the Ministers will question representatives of both countries.

Indo-Dutch Diplomatic Relations

NEW DELHI, April 17. (A. P. I.): A Press Note states:—

Being desirous of maintaining and further strengthening the friendly relations existing between India and the Netherlands, the Government of India and the Netherlands Government have decided to exchange diplomatic missions of Embassy status.

DUTCH ENVOY TO DELHI.

THE HAGUE, April 17, (Reuter): Holland and India have decided to exchange Ambassadors, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced today.

It is understood that M. A. T. Lamping, Minister-designate to Rumania, at present working for the Foreign Ministry here, is being considered for the post of Netherland's Ambassador in New Delhi.

New Vice President Of China

NANKING, April 17, (Reuter): Dr. Sun Fo, Son of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, founder of the Chinese Republic, was appointed Vice-President of China today.

The announcement was made after a meeting of the central standing committee of the Kuomintang (National Government Party). Dr. Sun Fo will retain his office as head of the legislative Yuan.

INVESTIGATIONS INTO TEXAS DISASTER

WASHINGTON, April 17. (Reuter): Democratic Senator Lee O'Daniel of Texas today introduced a resolution in the Senate calling for immediate Congressional investigation into the Texas City disaster.

"Important Change In League Outlook"

LONDON, April 17 (APA).—Commenting on the recent joint appeal by Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. M. A. Jinnah for an end to communal strife in India, the "Times" in an editorial said today that this must be considered to mark an important change in the outlook of the Muslim League.

Recalling that Jinnah has never before committed himself to "unqualified acceptance" of a policy of non-violence, the "Times" said: "His participation in this appeal indicates his belief that the continuation of communal violence is likely to damage the interests of the Muslims and the prospects of Pakistan. It must thus be considered to mark an important change in the outlook of the Muslim League.

"The growth of communal disorders ....seems to be exerting a sobering influence on both sides. The Congress party has come to realise that certain concessions may have to be made to the Muslim interests from which Pakistan derives its appeal.

"Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, to judge from his recent speech, now believes that Hindu-Muslim co-operation is indispensable, and if the price is some form of Pakistan it must be paid. It is clear that the leaders on both sides are in effect drawing closer together. Mr. Jinnah has disclaimed the use of force for political ends: Mr. Nehru has admitted Pakistan as a goal within the ambit of legitimate constitutional activity."

The acclamation with which the joint Gandhi-Jinnah appeal has been received "by representatives of all parties in the Council of State, by public men throughout the country, and by virtually the entire Indian press.... indicates a growing desire for the cessation of violence and the resumption of Hindu-Muslim negotiations," the "Times" commented, adding "it now rests with Jinnah to indicate his willingness to seek a communal settlement by agreement."

IMPRESSIONS OF INTER-ASIAN RELATIONS CONFERENCE

(By IQBAL SINGH)

I

The Inter-Asian Relations Conference is over. The delegates and distinguished guests, the observers from afar and social eminences from near who for ten days congregated in the lounge of the Constitution House, New Delhi, have departed. The editorial pronouncements and expert explanations have all been written the urgent phrases and imperative exhortations have been duly recorded for the benefit of posterity. In a sense, therefore, hardly anything remains to be said regarding the Conference. The event is too near us to permit us to look upon it with the objective and dispassionate eye of history: time alone can bring the necessary detachment and perspective. And yet it is, perhaps, not altogether presumptuous to attempt an interim assessment which, though claiming no long term validity, is something more than a topical commentary.

Even that presents some difficulty. One must confess that one approached the Conference through a mist of sentimentality, with a mingled feeling of hope and fear. Hope, because one felt that a noble conception which had had so long a period of gestation was at last going to materialise; and, inevitably, fear because one was aware that any hesitancy on the part of Asian leadership to grasp the present opportunity would mean the indefinite prolongation of Asia's agony of servitude. Can one say that the Conference justified the hope that it had inspired? Or the fear?

Exhilarating And Disappointing

It is not possible to give an unequivocal answer. The Conference had both positive and negative features. It was at once exhilarating and disappointing. The measure of one's exhilaration was, indeed, the measure of one's disappointment. The paradox, which is of the very essence of the contemporary predicament of Asia, requires analysis.

The Conference was exhilarating for two reasons. It was the first occasion when leaders of Asian nations had met on a common platform—and met in their own right and on their own initiative. It demonstrated, moreover, that the sense of Asiatic solidarity, which had so far been more or less an academic assumption if not an essay in unconscious political coueism, is, in fact, an operative reality. At the same time, one observed that, although this community of purpose appeared time and again to be on the point of being translated into effective decisions on questions of policy, somehow it repeatedly dissipated itself in nugatory equivocations. It was almost as though certain insidiously inhibitive influences were at work to frustrate all attempts at transforming the general good will into positive action. Hence the disappointment.

The conduct and handling of the Conference has evoked some criticism, both among those who participated in its deliberations and those who were only spectators. It cannot be maintained that this criticism is unjustified. In some ways the Conference was a classic example of how a conference of this kind should not be organised and conducted. There were obvious errors of procedure. For one thing, it would have been far better if, before the actual meeting of the main Conference, the conveners had invited one or two experts from each of the countries represented for preliminary discussions. These could have been formed into a preparatory committee, something on the line of the Preparatory Commission of the UNO, which could have gone in detail into issues of procedure. Such a course would have undoubtedly obviated much misunderstanding and generally facilitated smooth functioning of the Conference.

Ambiguity Of Approach

Far more serious than defects of procedure, however, was a certain basic ambiguity of approach which reflected confusion and divided purpose at the very point of conception. Having called the Conference, one felt, nobody knew quite what to do with it. Nor was it allowed to develop a life of its own at any stage. For a purely social and cultural conference its agenda was far too comprehensive and even compulsive. For a conference designed to find some basis of Asian co-operation its terms of reference were far too narrow without being precise. Official apologists put forward the argument that the Conference had been called by a non-official body, namely, the Indian Council of World Affairs. As such it had no mandatory powers of decision and there was nothing more that it could do beyond initiating general and, as it were, platonic discussion of some of the Inter-Asian problems. But the argument is scarcely convincing. Whatever the intentions of the conveners, political opinion throughout Asia expected something more from it than amiable generalities. This expectation was not realised.

The feeling of frustration was shared, not only by the laity, but by some of the delegates. They may have been labouring under a misapprehension as to the scope of the Conference, but it is a fact that more than one delegation admitted a sense of bewilderment at the peculiarly ineffectual, not to say platitudinous, character of most of the discussions. A delegate from South East Asia, for instance, remarked somewhat sardonically that he had not come all the way, and at some personal risk, to New Delhi to listen to a professorial thesis on the need for scientific agriculture.

It has been argued, with perfect justification, that it would have been unwise, without first exploring the areas of agreement, to venture on any ambitious plans of Inter-Asian collaboration in political, social and economic fields. There is no denying that it is always better to work for limited and realisable objectives rather than risk failure by aiming at unlimited objectives, however desirable, whose realisation is problematical. But that is not the point. The point is that the New Delhi Conference at times gave one the impression of not working towards any tangible objectives at all; of being not so much an essay in realism, as an exercise in the art of evasion of all relevant issues.

This trend began to assert itself from the very beginning. True, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in his inaugural address struck the right note. He was eloquent without being rhetorical; he made no attempt to minimise the difficulties confronting the Asian nations; and he furnished a refreshing contrast to the pronouncements of the representatives of Great Powers at international assemblies by declaring that in the work of the Conference there were to be "no leaders and no followers." Among other speeches, the Indonesian and Egyptian delegates tried to focus attention on the major task still facing the Asian peoples—the liquidation of imperialism: and the delegates from the Soviet East, in their quiet way, stressed the need for defining the economic and social content of freedom for which Asia has been struggling for almost a century. But, for the most part speeches at the plenary sessions were singularly lacking in substance. It was difficult to avoid the conclusion that important segments of Asian political leadership have not yet emerged from a purely verbal outlook as to the tasks of Inter-Asian polity.

It is, of course, true that on formal occasions of this kind one can hardly expect anything more than conventional exchange of compliments. What is more, it cannot be said that the utterances of the Asian leaders compared unfavourably in their quality of complacency with the perorations to which the Western statesmen are in the habit of treating their audiences. But that is hardly a consolation. For Asia, faced with exigent problems of liberation and reconstruction, cannot afford on the part of her leaders tedious excursions into the realms of scintillating inanity.

Vital Issues Avoided

The real work of the Conference was naturally done in the various groups dealing with specific subjects. These provided useful opportunity for exchange of ideas and information. But here again there was an air of inconclusiveness, if not unreality. In the group dealing with racial problems, for example, it was suggested by some of the delegates that a resolution be passed recommending to all Asian Governments the need for adequate legislation against racial discrimination. Strangely enough, even this perfectly non-controversial suggestion was vigorously and successfully opposed by the dominant section in the group on the technical ground that this was exceeding the terms of reference of the Conference.

The discussion in the group concerned with National Movements was even more symptomatic of a peculiar hesitancy to which some of our leaders are subject. The Chinese delegate made the encouraging observation that China "would not stand in the way of achievement and maintenance of freedom and self-determination by any Asian country." But he was surpassed in genial evasiveness by one of the Indian delegates. When the question of giving practical help to Asian countries struggling for their independence came up for consideration, he pointed out that "short of declaration of war, it was difficult to visualise what form such help could take, except moral support", adding that "it was necessary that any support should not have the effect of enlarging the area of conflict, which should, as far as possible, be avoided." One had the feeling that one had heard all this somewhere before: the phraseology and even the intonation was familiar. And, inevitably, one recalled the jesuitical arguments so unctuously elaborated by the Anglo-French politicians to justify a policy of masterly inaction during the agonising days of the Sino-Japanese, Abyssinian and Spanish wars.

As the Conference went on its limitations became increasingly clear. It was clear, for one thing, that so long as the leaders of Asian nations continue to think in terms of outworn categories the prospect of their avoiding the mistakes of the Western nations cannot be very bright. The first task in a sense, therefore, is the re-education of our leadership so that their minds can be freed from the stultifying inhibitions which somehow they have persuaded themselves to accept as finalities. Only then will it be possible to formulate a unified policy for the reconstruction of Asia.

It is possible to go on enlarging on these negative aspects of the Conference, but that would be giving an inaccurate picture. For, surprising as it may seem, the total impression conveyed by the Conference was positive, not negative. That is yet another paradox and it needs explanation.

(To Be Continued)

Sardar Counsels Patience To Bardoli Peasants

Shortage Of Foodgrains And Consumer Goods Will Last Only A Year Or Two

BARDOLI, April 17 (API): Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Home Member, Government of India, addressing a crowded public meeting in the Swaraj Ashram grounds this afternoon, declared that the difficulties arising out of the present shortage of food grains and other consumer goods throughout the world and in India would last only for a year or two and not longer. During this period, he said, the people should keep calm and do as much as they could to get over the difficulties. Agriculturists could do a great deal to ameliorate these difficulties by producing as much grain and other articles of food as they could.

Sardar Patel arrived here this morning from Surat. Memories of Bardoli Satyagraha which won Sjt. Vallabhbhai Patel the title of Sardar were recalled and thousands of people gathered to listen to him, despite rain. The Sardar was greeted by large crowds on the wayside stations. In the afternoon, he met Congressmen from the surrounding villages and the workers of Kathiawad People's Conference.

He said that there was no point in their getting frightened over the present situation. It was true there was shortage of many things in the country. But the shortage was not peculiar to India. It was experienced in almost every country in the world.

He agreed that there were defects and discrepancies in the distribution system but many of them were legacies left by the previous Government.

Sardar Patel added that the Ministers of Popular Governments were proof against bribe and other such evils. They were trying their best to do away with controls. Government wanted to remove all controls barring those on wheat, rice and jowar, which were in short production or supply. But in lifting the controls, they should be careful as otherwise many ills would arise out of the hasty removal of controls.

Sardar counselled the peasants and the labourers on the land not to disturb the present atmosphere. They should not cheat each other.

If either of them fought and tried to subjugate the other, though British imperialism had gone, Hindustani slavery would have come into vogue.

The Sardar recalled the happenings in Thana district and said that if the peasants and labourers fought among themselves, the police would intervene and both sides would loose.

In conclusion he referred to the death of Dayabhai Mehta, a prominent Congress worker of Bardoli and said that Dayabhai had worked for the establishment of a store in Bardoli to enable the agriculturists to buy their needs and sell their produce without the help of middlemen. He hoped that the people of Bardoli Taluka would implement the scheme visualised by Dayabhai in memory of one of their great workers.

PUJARI DISCHARGED

L. P. Pujari, a Municipal Councillor, who was arrested with two others on the charge of murder of Hanmanta Udmalu in 13th Kamatipura Lane on the Nagpanchmi day, was discharged with the other two suspects by the Sixth Presidency Magistrate at Masagaon, Police Court, on Thursday.

The Magistrate observed that no prima facie case was made out to sustain the case. Hence he discharged all the accused.

CHARGE OF ACCEPTING 'HUSH' MONEY

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. Brush Bomanshe Vacha of Messrs. B. D. Vacha and Sons, General Surveyor and Assessor was trapped yesterday by the Anti-corruption Branch of the Bombay C.I.D. for alleged attempt to extort Rs. 700 as 'hush' money from a city businessman for making an award in connection with a loss by fire which was covered by the insurance.

It appears that the factory of the business was gutted by a sudden fire and he intimated the same to the Insurance Company with which it was insured and later preferred a claim for Rs. 25,000 based on vouchers. The Company informed him that his claim would be settled on receipt of a report from Mr. Vacha and that his report would be considered as an 'award.'

The factory owner accompanied by his friends thereupon visited many a time Mr. Vacha's office at Hornby Road but Mr. Vacha, it is alleged, accused him of having been instrumental in causing the fire deliberately for obtaining fraudulently benefit thereby and is further said to have refrained from passing the claim. He is alleged to have demanded Rs. 5,000 as 'hush' money if the factory owner wanted a favourable report.

The factory owner thereupon wrote directly to the Company complaining about the delay in settling his claim. Mr. Vacha is thereupon alleged to have approached him and reduced the amount to Rs. 700 for settling the claim and put the factory owner in fear that if the demand was not conceded, the claim would receive no attention.

Moved to desperation the factory owner invoked the assistance of the Anti-Corruption Branch of the C.I.D. to set matters right.

Yesterday after obtaining necessary permission S. I. Miranda laid a trap to arrest Mr. Vacha. The Police Officer sent the factory owner to Mr. Vacha's Office with marked money to pay it to him. As soon as the money was paid and the factory owner and his friend came out of Mr. Vacha's room S. I. Miranda entered the room and is said to have recovered the marked amount from Mr. Vacha. Mr. Vacha was then arrested.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

KARACHI, April 16: The Sind Government has forfeited all the copies of the book "To All Fighters for Freedom" written by Mr. Jaya Prakash Narayan and printed at Karachi by T. N. Sarhda.

—A. P. I.

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According to Reuter's the British constitutional proposals for East Africa have been approved by the Tanganyika Legislative Council with the European members voting in favour African members abstaining and Indian members voting against.

European members, of course would. And what else could the poor Africans do than helplessly refrain from voting?

As to the Indians they naturally would try to make trouble, being unauthorised, uncalled for and very unwelcome intruders into the homeland of Europeans which East Africa along with other bits unquestionably is For, it belongs to the British nation, under heaven knows what Dispensation, as its very own property.

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Speaking in the Council of State on the Gandhi-Jinnah appeal, Mr Mohammed Padshah, leader of the Muslim League Party expressed the hope that "the followers of these two great leaders would now at least abide by the advice given them."

Amen!

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Pandit Hridaya Nath Kunzru, leader of the Opposition, congratulated the Viceroy for the initiative His Excellency had taken in bringing the two leaders together to issue a joint appeal.

Rubbing it in, eh?

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At the second half-yearly conference of Provincial and States' Ministers held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Mr. Jagjiwan Ram, "representatives of Bengal and Sind Governments, who" says the A.P.I. "abstained from attending last time, were present."

Hullo. Wh—wh—why?

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The Indian Trade Delegation to the Middle East has arrived at Ankara.

—Istanbul Report.

How we wish somebody could induce a Turkish statesman to talk to Mr Ispahani in 'his', we mean, the former's "spare time".

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Says a Jerusalem despatch: "Tension is rising throughout Palestine as British armed forces prepared for the Irgun Zvai Leumi's threatened "seven-fold" reprisals for the execution of Dov Gruner and three other Jewish terrorists."

An apology, we hope, is being kept ready by the British with an additional undertaking to Irgun Zvai Leumi to head over to it the homeland of Arabs as soon as possible.

OPPOSITION TO CONSCRIPTION

Consembly Fundamental Rights Committee Report

NEW DELHI, April 17 (APT): The Minorities Sub-Committee of the Constituent Assembly met to-day under the chairmanship of Dr. H. C. Mukherjee, the Indian Christian leader. It is understood that the Committee examined in detail the report of the Fundamental Rights Committee and after the completion of this examination it will proceed to draft a report for the protection of minorities as distinct from the fundamental rights which is applicable to every citizen.

It was learned to-day that the Fundamental Rights Committee in its draft report has expressed itself against conscription in India and there are a number of dissenting minutes on this point.

KRIPALANI ON FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

NEW DELHI, April 17 (UPI): "We are of the opinion that fundamental rights of the citizens of the Union would have no value if they differ from group to group or from unit to unit or are not uniformly enforceable. We recommend that provision on the lines set out in our report be incorporated in the new constitution so as to be binding upon all authorities whether of the Union or units."

Thus observes Acharya J. B. Kripalani, Chairman, Fundamental Rights Sub-Committee, in his note forwarding the report of his Committee to the Chairman of the Advisory Committee.

Indicating the broad principles which the Committee kept in view, Acharya Kripalani says "The Committee is of the opinion that while certain human rights must be guaranteed to every resident of the Union, other rights must be confined only to citizens and accordingly some clauses will be found to refer to every person and other clauses to citizens only."

UNION POWERS COMMITTEE CONCLUDES SITTINGS

NEW DELHI, April 17 (API): The Union Powers Committee of the Constituent Assembly concluded its deliberations to-day. It is learned that the Committee's report is unanimous and was forwarded to the President of the Constituent Assembly, Dr. Rajendra Prasad to-night.

Two representatives of the States Sir V. T. Krishnamachari and Sir B. L. Mitter who participated in its current proceedings, it is understood, pointed out that certain features of the tentative conclusions already arrived at by the Committee would have to be re-examined in so far as the States were concerned. These "controversial" features related especially to the powers of the Union Government to raise money, internal customs, tariffs, etc.

Texas City Ordered To Be Evacuated

FIRE APPROACHING AN AMMUNITION VESSEL

Latest Survey Of Casualty List Puts Death Roll At 700

NEW YORK, April 17. (Reuter): Texas City has been ordered to be evacuated, an A. B. C. Radio correspondent stated in a broadcast from Texas City early today.

After announcing that fire aboard an oil tanker was reported rapidly to be approaching an ammunition ship and that it was feared that a nitro ship in the docks might at any moment blow up, the correspondent's broadcast was abruptly terminated.

The broadcasting company told Reuter: "A police sergeant could be heard informing the correspondent that fire aboard the oil tanker was rapidly approaching an ammunition ship and that the police and fire departments feared that an explosion might kill or maim everyone, still in Texas City.

The Editor of "Houston Post" telegraphed the paper from Texas City describing a stream of people racing out of the town because they feared the ship would blow up any time.

Estimates of the total injured in the chain of explosions vary between 1,000 and 3,000 although more sensational reports place the number as high as 5,000. Red Cross reports that every single building in the dockside area —key point in the large industrial life of this oil region—was damaged. At least 312 homes in the city were demolished in addition, the Red Cross statement said.

TWO EXPLOSIONS

Two heavy explosions rocked Texas City and Galveston area early today, according to a telephone message from Galceston.

The telephone operator at Galveston said that a new blast shook their buildings, which is fifteen miles from Texas City.

The 6,000-ton United States freighter "Highflyer" loaded with over 900 tons of ammonium nitrate was burning fiercely at the explosion-torn docks in Texas City early today.

200 rescue workers were menaced by the danger of another explosion, such as the one that killed hundreds of people early yesterday.

Loss In Property

TEXAS CITY, April 17 (A.P.A.): An explosion in the nitrate laden French ship GRAND CAMP touched off a chain of blasts that killed over 500 persons and destroyed or damaged much of this coastal city of 15,000 people.

The property loss will run into millions of dollars.

The second explosion came from the nearby multi-million dollar plant of the Monsanto Chemical Corporation now in ruins.

Other explosions followed in quick succession and flames raged unchecked because the water system had been disabled.

The principal damage was reported confined to the dock area where there were an estimated 3,500 persons at the time of the blast. Mr. C. B. Finley, the State Highway Commissioner, said "rescue parties bringing out casualties from the blast area had estimated that about one in every three persons was killed. This would indicate around 1,200 were dead."

The Mid-Western Red Cross Headquarters at St. Louis reported last night that 500 bodies had been removed from the explosion area and more bodies were being found constantly.

The fires in the Monsanto plant were still raging last night and the screams of some workers, still trapped in the plant, could be heard by the fire-fighters. One Monsanto employee estimated that 35 men were trapped in the plant. Company officials said there were some chemicals still under pressure there.

NEW YORK, April 17. (Reuter): Terrified and dazed survivors of the Texas City explosions—fearful of admitting even to themselves what the holocaust may have cost in human lives—toiled side by side with harassed sweating rescue workers amid raging furnaces all night, trying to count the awful cost while stacking the dead.

OIL TANKS STILL BURNING

More than 700 persons are now known to be dead and 3,000 injured in Texas City where new explosions today sent dazed inhabitants streaming out in search of safety.

Red Cross officials think it possible that the death roll will never be known exactly, as many victims were blown to pieces and some of the port workers destroyed by the explosions were migratory.

More teams of trained rescue workers are being flown into the city. Oil tanks are still burning and a cargo ship which had been in danger of catching fire has been cut loose from the pier.

President Truman today asked all United States Government Agencies to help in relief work.

THREE MORE EXPLOSIONS

Three more explosions have now occurred in the Texas City area, it is reported. They are believed to have taken place in oil tanks lining the city's docks.

NEW BOMB SCARE IN BRITAIN

Scotland Yard Campaign To Stop Palestine Terror

LONDON, April 17 (APA): A new bomb scare—which turned out to be a hoax—sent Scotland Yard agents today on a nationwide campaign to prevent a threatened spread of Palestine terror on to Britain.

A day after an unexploded, home-made bomb was found in a Colonial Office building—and officially linked with the Palestine Jewish underground —a cardboard container was discovered in a Charing Cross Post Office, in the heart of London.

Detectives and Home Office experts examined it and found it contained only rubbish.

TEL AVIV CURFEW LIFTED

JERUSALEM, April 17 (Reuter).—The Curfew imposed on the All-Jewish city of Tel Aviv, following the executions yesterday of Dov Gruner and three other Jewish terrorists, was lifted at 5 o'clock this morning, it was officially announced here.

U.S. Navy Squadron In Suda Bay

ATHENS, April 17 (U. P. A.)—An American navy squadron, the first to appear in Greek water since President Harry Truman announced his policy of aid to Greece and Turkey against Communist encroachment, arrived in Suda Bay, Crete, today and engaged in manoeuvres for welcoming a party of Greek and American officials.

The squadron was led by the light cruiser 'Dayton.'

GREECE AND TURKEY FEARFUL OF RUSSIAN EXPANSION

WASHINGTON, April 17 (UPA).The Congressional party, on return from their inspection trip to the Near East, today reported that Greece and Turkey were fearful of Russian expansion, but were confidently looking towards the United States for support.

Senators Carl A. Hatch of New Mexico, Owen Brewster of Maine, and Homer Ferguson of Michigan agreed that their brief visit to the two countries has underlined the necessity for Congressional approval of President Truman's plan to aid Greece and Turkey calling for $400,000,000.

GREEK GUERILLAS' TACTICS

ATHENS, April 17 (Reuter).—The Greek Army has started a new major operation against guerillas in the Grevena area of Western Macedonia north of Thessaly, according to Salonika reports today.

The guerillas retreating northward were reported to have set fire to seven villages in "scorched earth" tactics.

Forty guerillas were killed and 32 wounded in the latest fighting in Pindus mountains, the reports added.

FR. CASUALTIES IN MADAGASCAR

PARIS, April 17 (Reuter).—Approximately 50 Frenchmen have been killed so far in course of the fighting in Madagascar, it was learned semi-officially here today.

NO APPROACH FROM SMUTS

Delhi On Talks Of Union's Direct Negotiations With India Govt.

NEW DELHI, April 17. (A.P.I.): Little significance is attached in responsible quarters in New Delhi to Gen. Smuts' recent statement that direct negotiations with the Government of India would have to take place in connection with the question of Indians in South Africa before the problem could be solved. It is pointed out that similar statements have been made by Gen. Smuts in the past and so far no approach is understood to have been made to the Government of India.

The whole question will come up for discussion before the next session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in September, when India and South Africa will have to report the progress if any, that has been made in settling the points at issue.

Disturbances Flare Up In Frontier Again

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jury on his head reported to have been caused by stone.

One case of alleged arson was reported from Haripura late in the evening to-day.

SIX ASSAULTS IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, April 17 (API): A Bengal Government Press Note issued at 8-30 p.m. to-night on the situation in Calcutta says:—

"The city remained quiet and normal. Only six stray cases of assault and one of the cracker-throwing were reported after midday. On one occasion the police fired one round. Nineteen persons were arrested on the spot to-day. Fourteen persons were injured in these incidents.

BOMBS AND GUNS RECOVERED

To-day's searches included one in which two countrymade guns and four bombs were recovered from some houses in a locality in the Beliaghata police station. Seventy arrests were made during the last 24 hours."

ONE KILLED IN AGRA

AGRA, April 17 (API): The city area is again disturbed to-day following the murder of one man and injury to another in Mohalla Ghattia Azamkhan.

It is alleged that a gang of about 250 armed with weapons rushed through the road, attacking passersby, during the curfew break, in the vicinity of the police outpost. The Collector with a strong armed police force reached the spot. A few arrests were made on the spot.

Panic prevails in the area. Curfew was immediately re-imposed.

Trouble In Dacca Again

DACCA, April 17 (UPI): Reports of lawlessness are being received from different places in Dacca Sadar Sub-Division, particularly from the Kaliganj Police Station jurisdiction. Most of the reports speak of assault, forcibly taking away of fishes and search of person and property of railway passengers. A case has been filed in the Dacca Court complaining about assault on several persons who were on their way home from the market place.

DEMAND FOR PAKISTAN WILL DISAPPEAR WITH JINNAH'S RESIGNATION

Bengal Ex-Governor's Plea For Adequate Safeguards For Muslims In All-India Constitution

LONDON, April 17. (Reuter): Mr. Richard G. Casey, Australian-born Governor of Bengal from 1944 to 1946 is convinced that Pakistan is not the solution of the problems of the Muslims of India.

"I do not believe", he says, "that even to-day the bulk of Muslims have given anything like enough thought to the demand for Pakistan. I do not believe that they have analysed the economics of Pakistan objectively. They accept the fact that Mr. Jinnah says he wants Pakistan and their deep faith in his leadership leads them to accept the idea."

Mr. Casey makes this point in his book "An Australian in India" now published in London. The volume is a record of Mr. Casey's Indian Governorship, which followed his service as Australian Minister in Washington and Minister of State in the Middle East.

FAIR DEAL FOR MUSLIMS

Mr. Casey, who was a member of the British War Cabinet and is now back in Australia says that he is convinced that Indian solution lies "in substantial and effective safeguards for Muslims in an All-India constitution and Government to ensure that Muslims get a fair deal and may be rather more than a fair deal, to compensate them for disabilities that have been imposed on them in the part and to give them an opportunity of catching up."

Earlier, he asserts his belief that the Muslim League have worked themselves up into a state of mind "that can only be called Hindu-phobia." "Not that there is not some justification for this", adds Mr. Casey.

"Caste Hindus", he declares, "have dealt with Muslims with the minimum of warmth and generosity—or even fairness. When and where Hindus have been in the saddle, Muslims have had the rough end of the stick. Caste Hindus have given Muslims little evidence that they believe in a fair deal —and they deny them a fair deal."

ECONOMIC MOTIVE

Mr. Casey believed that the principal present-day motive behind Pakistan is economic. "But the fact remains" adds Mr. Casey later, "that Pakistan or no Pakistan, Hindus and Muslims have to continue to live together in the same villages, towns and cities in which they are now closely integrated. Pakistan would not result in the village store being owned by a Muslim. It would not put mills and business houses into Muslim hands."

Mr. Casey says, "the only way that Muslims can advance themselves economically is to achieve education and learn how to compete successfully with Hindus."

All that can be achieved by political means, he thinks, is to ensure that Muslims get a fair deal from the point of view of education, percentage of jobs in Government service and the like.

PLEA FOR ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS

"It is for these reasons," he observes, "that I lay such stress on devising of adequate and watertight safeguards for Muslims in an All-India constitution."

Elsewhere in his book Mr. Casey says that he believed "it has become quite impossible for the Congress Party and the Muslim League to come to a voluntary agreement on any matter of consequence and still less on the major issue of the future of India."

"If I am right in this view," he adds, "then a solution will have to be imposed by Great Britain and unfortunately there is very little room for a compromise between the ambitions of the Congress Party for a United India and those of the Muslim League for an autonomous Muslim state or states."

"The British Government will have to come down on one side or the other. Whichever way the British decide, the decision will be fiercely resented by the other party. One can only hope that the resentment will not take the form of resort to violence—but it is difficult to believe that it will not."

Of the Muslim League President, Mr. M. A. Jinnah, Mr. Casey observes: "It is not too much to say that Mr. Jinnah is an outstanding Muslim of All-India stature in Indian politics today. Mr. Jinnah's ability and personality are such," Mr. Casey goes on, "that it is not an exaggeration to say that he is the Muslim League. It is possible, even probable, that if Mr. Jinnah were to resign from the leadership of the Muslim League, the demand for Pakistan would before long die down and disappear and that the Muslims of India would be content to come into an All-India consutution, provided it contained adequate safeguards in respect of their religion, education, social customs and their representation in legislatures and Government instrumentalities."

"NEITHER SAINT NOR STATESMAN"

Mr. Casey names Mahatma Gandhi as the most outstanding and interesting individual he met in India—"The most important figure in India today and I believe that he will continue to be". Mr. Casey does not agree with the description of Mr. Gandhi either as a saint or a statesman. "There is a simple criterion for determining whether a man is a statesman—passage of time should show that he was right in his major political decisions three times out of four. I do not think that Mr. Gandhi can claim this record. Perhaps one might say that among saints he is a statesman and among statesmen a saint". His greatest asset, Mr. Casey thinks, is his warm humanity "which must be the basis of his remarkable hold on the hearts and affections of the great mass of the people of India".

BEST SAFEGUARD FOR MINORITIES

Prof. Catlin's Plea For "Bill Of Rights And Duties"

CALCUTTA, April 17. (A.P.I.): "In spite of the situation one finds in Calcutta, I have been always an optimist about the Indian scene and I retain that feeling", said Prof. George Catlin in an interview on his return from the tour of South India. The Professor left for China by air last night.

"I view with the utmost satisfaction", he said, "the statement issued on the initiative of the Viceroy carrying the signatures of Mr. Gandhi and Mr. Jinnah."

Touching upon the question of minorities, the Professor, as a political scientist, expressed the opinion that perhaps the best safeguard for the minorities lay in some kind of a Bill of Rights and Duties, to be enforced by a strong judiciary interpreting the written constitution and having the right to review legislative and executive acts.

While on the subject of Indian Independence, the Professor referred to Indo-China and said, "I hope that the policy that the British Government has pursued in India will now be followed by the French in Indo-China, since the same principle seems to apply".

The Professor made a reference to the recent Asian Relations Conference and said, "the originators of the idea of the Conference are indeed to be congratulated on a project which focused the attention of all Asia on Delhi. This seems to be one of those experiments in regional co-ordination, which is entirely consistent with the United Nations' programme for humanity".

WOODCOCK HAS BROKEN JAW

DONCASTER, (Yorkshire), April 17 (Reuter).—Bruce Woodcock, the British European and Empire Heavyweight Champion, is in Saint James Infirmary Leeds, with broken jaw sustained in Tuesday night's fight against the American Joe Baksi.

When told of the injury, Baksi said: "I am awfully sorry about Bruce. I am going to telephone the Infirmary right away to express my profound regret at this."

INVITATIONS FOR 1948 OLYMPICS

LONDON, April 17 (APA).—Invitations are now being sent to all countries of the world with the exception of Russia, Germany and Japan to participate in the Olympics of 1948, the British organising committee for the games announced today.

The invitations are being sent through Ambassadors, Ministers and High Commissioners of the various countries, dominions and colonies, the Committee added.

The games will be staged in London from July 26 to August 14, 1948.

Editors' Conference Meeting Today

MADRAS, April 17, (A. P. I.): Mr. K. Srinivasan, Secretary of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, in a communication says:—

"The Standing Committee of the A. I. N. E. O. meets at 11 a.m., on Friday, April 18, at Kasturi Buildings, Mount Road. The open session of the Conference meets at 3 p.m. in the Banquetting Hall, Government House, Mount Road".

Wallace's Eulogy For Labour Govt.

LONDON, April 17. (A.P.A.): Britain's Labour Government has a "moral and spiritual strength equal to that of the Roosevelt Cabinet in the early days", the former U. S. Vice-President, Henry A. Wallace declared today.

Summing up his British impressions at a final press conference before starting a flying tour of Scandinavia and France, Wallace said his only regret was his inability to get a more complete picture of the Conservative view point.

M.P.'S TESTIMONIAL

LONDON, April 17. (U. P. A.): Henry Wallace was given a testimonial letter signed by approximately 100 Members of Parliament today as he was about to leave by air for Europe.

The letter was presented at the air terminal here by George Mathers, Commissioner for Scotland, and it expressed the "sincere thanks and warm appreciation of the contribution you have made to the interests of the world's peace."

PARIS TAXIMEN ON STRIKE

PARIS, April 17 (Reuter).—About 12,000 Paris Taximen declared a 24-hour strike this morning as a protest against the 15 per cent reduction in their petrol.

WEATHER NEWS FOR FARMERS

FORECAST TILL SATURDAY MORNING:—Widespread rain will occur in Sorath, Gohelwad, Jhalawad, the Gujarat, Konkanpatti, Khandesh, the Mawal and the Deccan. Local rain will occur in Bombay Karnatak, Hyderabad, Karnatak and Marathwada. A few showers may also occur in Halar.

OUTLOOK FOR FURTHER 2 DAYS:—General improvement of weather. Rainfall may however continue locally in Gujarat and Khandesh and occur at some stations in the Konkanpatti, the Desh, Mawal and Bombay Karnatak.

Lid Off League "Response" To Congress Invitation

Liaquat Refuses To Call Cabinet Till "Definite Stage"

NEW DELHI, April 17 (API): Mr. Shankerrao Deo, General Secretary of the Congress has to-day released to the press correspondence exchanged between him and the General Secretary of the Muslim League regarding Congress invitation to the League for a joint discussion. In a statement Mr. Shankerrao Deo says:—

"My attention has been drawn to an A.P.I. report dated April 15, wherein a member of the Muslim League Working Committee, who is not named, is reported to have expressed surprise at Pandit Nehru's statement that there has been no response from the Muslim League to the Congress invitation to send representatives to meet the representatives of the Congress. The member is further reported to have said that the League was as anxious and eager as the Congress to arrive at a mutual settlement and wished to know from the Congress Working Committee the basis for any negotiations between the two parties. While it is good to know that the League is anxious for a settlement, it is difficult to understand what prevents its High Command from taking immediate steps to consider the Congress invitation. In order that the public may know how matters stand. I am releasing to the Press the correspondence that has recently passed between the General Secretary of the Muslim League and myself, about which Press seems to have some knowledge already.

Copy of the letter from Mr. Shankerrao Deo, General Secretary of the Indian National Congress to Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan General Secretary of the All-India Muslim League, dated New Delhi March 9, 1947:

Dear Friend,

I have pleasure in sending you herewith copies of three resolutions passed by the Working Committee at Delhi yesterday. I would like to draw your particular attention to resolution No. 2, wherein an invitation has been issued to the Muslim League to send their representatives to meet representatives of the Congress. I shall be grateful if you could let me have an early reply so that further steps might be taken in this matter.

(Sd.) SHANKARRAO DEO.

Encl: Copies of resolutions.

Copy of the reply from Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Honorary Secretary, All-India Muslim League, to Shankarrao Deo, Esq., General Secretary, All-India Congress Committee, dated March 13, 1947:

Dear Sir,

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 9th of March which I shall place before the next meeting of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League for their consideration.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) LIAQUAT ALI KHAN

Copy of the reply from Mr. Shankarrao Deo, General Secretary, Indian National Congress to Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, General Secretary, All-India Muslim League, dated New Delhi, 11th April, 1947.

Dear Friend,

May I draw your attention to your letter dated 13th March, 1947 and request you to let me know, when the next meeting of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League is likely to be held. As it is necessary for us to know at an early date, whether your organisation is willing to send their representatives to meet representatives of the Congress. I would be obliged if you expedite your decision in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) SHANKARRAO DEO.

Copy of the reply from Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Honorary General Secretary, All-India Muslim League, to Mr. Shankarrao Deo, Secretary, All-India Congress Committee, dated the 14th April, 1947:

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 11th April, 1947, I am to inform you that no date for the next meeting of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League has been fixed as yet. In view of the discussions which are now in progress between the Viceroy and the Indian Leaders, it is not likely that a meeting of the Working Committee will be called until a definite stage in the talks has been reached.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) LIAQUAT ALI KHAN.

Record Wheat Crop For U.S.

WASHINGTON, April 17. (Reuter): Declaring a record United States wheat crop for 1947 in prospect, the Department of Agriculture estimated that about 450,000,000 bushels would be available either for export in 1947-48 or as an addition to carryover to July 1, 1948.

Regarding the future exports of wheat to the Orient, the report states that the outlook is somewhat confused by several factors.

D. F. Karaka: Off My Chest

Mr. P. H. Valdyalingam, known as Suburban Gent No 1. (we are getting too many these days) has written another letter to the Editor, which, to the best of my ability, I shall sum up here

S. G. 1 retaliates by calling me The City Gentleman.

Fine.

He next suggests that people like me (the City Gents) "should be put up at Malabar Hill and plenty of horses and prostitutes should be let loose in this colony. Liquors of all kinds from costly champagne down to cheap country toddy would be allowed to flow in like water and these would be collected in a pond inside the enclosure".

Thank you, Mr. Suburban Gentleman. But take me to such a harem quick.

Also don't forget to send me a copy of the "Chronicle" in which further letters from you may with God's grace, appear.

Amen!

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From the ridiculous let us go to the sublime and read Mr. Henry Wallace's brilliant reply from London over the C. B. S. to America.

"Obviously at Fulton", says Wallace, "Winston Churchill expressed personal opinions at variance with those of his Government. Now there was nothing wrong in this surely. A large part of the American press and the Republican Party applauded Mr. Churchill's views. Those who disagreed with his views certainly did not deny the right of this distinguished British citizen to speak out in the United States. That is part of every American's faith in free speech."

Wallace then concluded by saying, "I shall continue to speak out. I think that is the American way".

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If Mr. Wallace were to be arraigned, the U. S. would be proving to all the world that the Four Freedoms are ersats in the very country of their origin.

Go on, Mr. Wallace, speak out.

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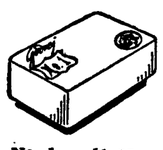

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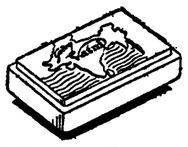

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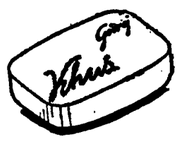

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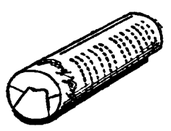

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Living Death

The immured monks of Tibet who spend years and years in their cells away from the sight of sun and man.

Prisoner—President

A pen-portrait of the valiant Sheikh Abdullah who though a prisoner of the Dogra King has been elected President of the A.-I. S. P. C. now in session.

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THE MIGHTY MCGURK (M.G.M.)
Players: Dean Stockwell, Wallace Beery, Edward Arnold, Aline MacMahon.

Here is another re-hash of the all too familiar champ-and-kid theme. An over-dose of the well-known brand of American sentimentality gives a saccharine coating to what is, essentially, a human story. It is a pity that the director seems to have forgotten that pathos, if laid on with too heavy a trowel, can deteriorate into bathos.

Once again we have Beery as the lovable old rogue with more brawn than brains—a relic of his prize-fighting days. Dean Stockwell as the Nipper, is the tender foil to the husky ex-champion who is employed by Glenson, an unscrupulous saloon owner, to further his own end of obtaining some Salvation Army property by fair means or foul. Adopting the Nipper, for purely selfish reasons at first, the Mighty McGurk becomes greatly attached to the kid, to protect whom he even undergoes the humiliation of confessing that his reputation as a champion has been faked.

A lively streak of humour runs through the scenes wherein McGurk has verbal bouts with Mamie, an old sweetheart who hides her love for her man under the mask of perpetual reproval of his waywardness. A subsidiary love interest is provided by the saloon-keeper's daughter and a young member of the Salvation Army. The saloon brawl between Glenson's hirelings and McGurk, backed by the Salvationist, is as tough a display of fisticuffs as I have ever seen on the screen.

Beery dominates the picture with his portrayal of McGurk, particularly in the scenes where, in the interest of the Nipper, he, a scoffer born, dons Salvation Army garb and parades through the Bowery playing a drum! As the Nipper, Dean Stockwell is dwarfed by Beery, and not merely in stature. Somehow, the two do not make as good a team as they might have The subsidiary roles, particularly the Mamie of Aline McMahon, are well enacted though overshadowed by the towering, blustering, rough diamond McGurk.

A word for the picturesque background of New York's Bowery at the turn of the Century—felt more than seen.

Pleasant entertainment—especially for sentimentalists.

Koko the Ape, Preston Foster and Lamour in "Typhoon" (Regal).

INDIFFERENT FARE THIS WEEK

Wallace And Dean As Kid-and-Champ Team—Early Lamour Picture Returns—Garfield Film Stays On—Subhas Bose On The Screen

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Regal

TYPHOON (Paramount).
Players: Dorothy Lamour, Robert Preston, J. Carroll Naish.

Once again the sarong-wrapped figure of Lamour stalks through a jungle, once more that throaty voice croons in the moonlight; once again 'civilisation', with its pearl-seekers, rears its head in the peace of the jungle; once again—but need I repeat the old formula which most picturegoers must know by heart?

Credulity is not to be expected of a photoplay such as this, telling of a little girl who is set afloat in a life—boat during a typhoon through which she emerges the only survivor. The faculty of human speech is not lost to her though she lives in a lonely jungle on a South Sea island with an ape as her sole companion. Believe it or not, even the ape is well-conversant with the human tongue. Anyway, love comes to the heretofore loveless jungle princess in the shape of a young wastrel and drunkard. You have got it—the ne'er-do-well reforms under the magic spell of Nature and the Lamour bosom. Of course they live happily ever after—and not only in a tree-top as before—once the rascally South Indian natives have been beaten in their attempts to appropriate treasure troves—the preserve, by Divine Right, of Civilised Man.

Lamour, love, languor and technicolor scenery of jungle, sea and sky. What more do you want? A credible story? Then, scoffer, stay thou away.

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Strand

NOBODY LIVES FOREVER (Warner)
Players: John Garfield, Geraldine Fitzgerald, George Coulouris.
Director: Jean Negulesco.

Looking no less homely than the tough boy of your neighbour's family, John Garfield has it in him to impart realism to any and every role he plays. The present one is no exception. As Nick, a demobilised G.I., finding himself jilted by his woman, he rehabilitates himself into the old life of a gangster by falling in tow with a shady trio out to cheat a young widow of her fortune.

Needless to say, the charming widow Gladys, falls for the strapping gangster masquerading as a business man. The game is almost bagged, but of course, it is now time for Nick to reform—or else how could he be a movie hero? But there is the devil yet to pay—not one, but three. How Nick disposes of the troublesome trio who hold the fair Gladys as hostage, provides a fast-moving, suspenseful, even though improbable climax.

Hackneyed as the story is, unbelievable though the characters are, the splendid acting of the cast redeems the picture's discrepancies. Negulesco, the director, has taken care to show off Garfield's attractive ruggedness to the hilt. Even the erstwhile Garfield swimming scenes have not been omitted. Geraldine Fitzerald makes a pleasant clinging ivy to the Garfield oak. On a par with the leading male star, is George Coulouris as the diabolic leader of the unholy three. Richard Gaines gains many a laugh with his amusing characterisation of the widow's well-meaning, nitwit of a manager who blunders on to the secret of Nick's past.

Excitement seek. all ye who enter to see this movie which moves fast enough at times, and drags at others.

Seeing The Shows With "SARDI"

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RETURN FILMS

AURORA (Matunga): "Wuthering Heights"—Merle Oberon, Laurence Olivier. Tues.-Thurs: "Strike Me Pink"—Eddie Cantor.
PALACE (Byculla): "The Harvey Girls"—Judy Garand, John Hodiak.

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SUNDAY MORNING SHOWS

METRO—10 a.m. "The Clock"—Judy Garland, Robert Walker.
STRAND—10-30 a.m.: "It All Came True"—Humphrey Bogart, Ann Sheridan.
RIVOLI—10-30 a.m.: "Till We Meet Again"—Ray Milland, Barbara Britton.

Geraldine Fitzgerald and John Garfield in "Nobody Lives....." (Strand).

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Eros

NETAJI SUBHAS BOSE
Nature of Film: Documentary.

An unusual picture which will attract the majority of patriotic Indians, is this documentary dealing with the career of Subhas Chandra Bose. The feature-length film is, actually, a series of news reels strung together chronologically, starting with the assumption by Bose of the leadership of the Indian National Congress.

The commentary is in Hindi with a number of sub-titles in English.

The Haripura Session of the I.N.C., Bose's activities at Tripuri and Ramgarh, the formation of the Forward Bloc, Netaji's sudden and dramatic disappearance, his war-time sojourn in Germany where he sowed the seeds of the Indian National Army, and his dealings with the Japanese, spring to vivid life on the screen.

For all Bose admirers and nationalists.

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NOTE

It is a matter of regret that there is, in spite of our own efforts to the contrary, insufficient co-operation forthcoming from certain cinema managements and publicity departments in the matter of furnishing this office with stills and other material relating to new, return and Sunday shows.

Once again we appeal for better co-operation in the interest of picturegoers and newspaper readers.

Dean Stockwell, Beery and a featured player in "The Great McGurk" (Metro).

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HOSSAIN IMAM DOES IT!

BOMBAY, April 17. (A.P.I.): The Associated Press of India wishes to state that the press interview which appeared in yesterday's newspapers, clarifying the Muslim League position in regard to the political discussions between the Congress and the Muslim League, was given by Mr. Hossain Imam, who was on a private visit to Bombay and left for Delhi early this week. This explanation has become necessary in view of an impression that the interview was given by Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, Commerce Member, Interim Government, who is now in Bombay.

Mr. Hossain Imam is understood to have resigned membership of the Muslim League Working Committee, following his appointment as President of the Council of State. His resignation will be considered at the next meeting of the League Working Committee.

Chundrigar For Ahmedabad

Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, Commerce Member, Government of India left Bombay suddenly this afternoon by air for Ahmedabad, to attend the funeral of Mr. M. N. Shaikh, M.L.C. (Bombay) who died in Ahmedabad this morning.

Mr. Chundrigar will return to Bombay tomorrow (Friday) morning and leave for Delhi by air in the afternoon.

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U. S.-Soviet Negotiations Start

MOSCOW, April 16. (I.P.A.): The United States and the Soviet Union have reached an agreement to commence negotiations for the final settlement of the outstanding issues on Lend-Lease as provided for by the terms of the basic Lend-Lease agreement of June 1942. Negotiations have started in Washington, M. N. V. Novikov representing the Soviet Union and the Assistant State Secretary Mr. Thorpe representing the United States.

FIELD-MARSHAL MILCH, GETS LIFE IMPRISONMENT

NUREMBERG, April 17. (Reuter): Field-Marshal Erhard Milch, former Nazi Under-Secretary of State for Air, found guilty yesterday of war crimes, was sentenced to imprisonment for life at Nuremberg today.

PEPPER FUTURES CLOSE LOWER

NEW YORK, April 16, (U.P.A.): In the first actual trading since March 24th, black pepper futures dropped to the permissible daily limit of two cents per pound when one January lot was traded at 31 cents per pound. At the close of today's session, the market ruled 100 to 200 points lower.

In the spot market; scattered inquiries developed but brokers believed that interest was more in the way of checking up on prices rather than indicating actual intention to buy.

On a purely nominal basis, black lampong was unchanged at 38 cents per pound and white at 50 cents per pound. The January range was: High 31, low 31, close 31 asked.

Closing prices included: May 31 nom, July 35 bid, September 34 nom, October 33 nom, December 32 nom, and January 31 asked.

CALCUTTA SHARE BAZAR.

CALCUTTA, April 17.

STOCK EXCHANGE: The market continued steady and a moderate business was tranacted. Following are today's final transactions up to 2-00 p.m.:—

GOVT. SECURITIES: Three per cent Govt. Paper 101/8, three per cent Loan 1986 101/6 S. Lot, three per cent Loan 1951/54 102/4 S. Lot, three per cent Loan 1953/55 102/10 S. Lot, three per cent Victory 1957 102/5 S. Lot, three per cent 1959/61 102/4 S. Lot, three per cent Loan 1970/75 102/8 S. Lot, four and a half per cent Loan 1955/60 114/12 S. Lot.

BANKS: Bengal Central Bank 12/14, Calcutta National Bank 18/2, Reserve Bank 118 S. Lots, United Commercial Bank 78 Cum Rights.

COTTON: Elgin 68.

COAL: Searsole 8.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn. 4/8, Indian Copper 3/9, Tavoy Tin 2/12, Bathgate and Co. 11, Textile Machinery 11, New Asiatic Insurance 9/1, B. I. Corpn. 9/8, Indian National Airways 18 C. T. Jardine Henderson 198, Martin Burn 25, Metal Corpn. 7/10, Moradabad Water Supply 7, India Steamship 15/9.

TEAS: Eastern Cachar 10.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET

CHICAGO April 16.

Chicago grains were firm under the leadership of wheat attributed to mill buying presumably against flour sales to France and Italy, continued strength of Minneapolis cash market and unfavourable weather in the winter wheat belt. Maize was aided by the announcement that the C.C.C. Chicago office had purchased 2,150,000 busnels yesterday and were accepting additional offers today together with reports that Holland was inquiring for 360,000 bushels for June shipment.

SILVER PRICE RAISED HALF PENNY IN LONDON

LONDON, April 16. (U.P.A.): The price of domestic silver was today raised half penny with spot quoted at 46 pence per ounce and two months forward 45-1/4 pence per ounce.

The adjustment brings London nearer to New York and affords a clear indication that the industrial demand in the United Kingdom, which had been negligible in recent weeks, has now improved to some extent.

According to New York reports, London is spasmodically buying small quantities of silver there, mostly under 50,000 ounces daily. Last week's purchases were estimated at between 150,000 and 200,000 ounces.

CALICUT MARKET.

CALICUT, April 17.

Coiryarn Beypore 190/200, Quilandy 210/220, Fibre Garbled 165, Ungarbled 160, Cocoanuts Raw 120, Dry 130, Cocoanut Oil 440, Copra Office 282/8, Dilpasand 290, Madrasnottam 315, Pepper Wynaad 565, Country 550 Dry Ginger Chernad 275, Ernad 250, Coffee Robusta 87, Timber Pali 50/52/8, Junglewood 24/8/30, Vellapine 40/47/8, Benteak 50/55, Teak 70/80, Mango Planks 8/3/8, Teak 14/16, Rosewood 14/18.

EXPANSION OF JAPANESE TEXTILE INDUSTRY

Alarm In Chinese Quarters

NANKING, April 15 (UPA): Official economic circles here are becoming increasingly alarmed by the rapid post-war expansion of the Japanese textile industry—one of the few industries Japan has been permitted to retain, it was learned today.

With Chinese textile factories still reeling under the enormous damage suffered during the war, it is feared that Japanese textiles may re-enter the Far Eastern market, including China, and control it as they did before the war.

Mr. Huang Yuan-pin senior member of the Government Economic Policy Committee today issued a warning against the dangers of renewed high pressure of Japanese competition which might cripple China's as yet unreconstructed textile industry. He pointed out that Japan now possesses 3,000,000 spindles with the possibility that the number might be doubled under MacArthur's sponsorship while China is at present operating only 1,400,000 spindles.

Mr. Huang suggested that firstly China should immediately send representatives to Japan to induce the Allied Headquarters to reduce the number of spindles operating to the minimum and, secondly, that China should erect a tariff wall against any possible Japanese competition. Thirdly, he said that the present currency should be changed so that rational tariffs might be instituted. Fourthly, he said that cotton production should be promoted.

GROUNDNUT CULTIVATION IN TANGANYIKA

NEW YORK, April 16. (U.P.A.): Dow Jones and Co., Inc., today reported that the United Africa Company, which is a subsidiary of Lever Bros., acting for the British Government, will set up a 3,000,000 acre project in Tanganyika for groundnut cultivation to provide the British with more oil for soap, margarine and other products. Dow Jones said that three to five years will be required to convert this immense acreage—about double the amount now planted in the United States—to groundnut growing and that it will be conducted on a highly mechanized scale.

Massey Harris & Co. Ltd., which is the biggest supplier of the equipment for the project, is understood to have already received an order for 1,500 sets of farm machinery inriuding tractors, cultivators and planters' plows for delivery over a three year period.

In organizing the programme, several British representatives visited the U.S. last winter to study production methods.

READY SEED PRICES UNCHANGED

NEW YORK, April 16, (U.P.A.): With the exception of old crop castorseed quoted at $230 and new corp quoted at $210 nom, other seed prices remained unchanged on the New York market to-day.

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Early Rise Attracts General Realising On Stock Exchange

COTTON PRICES DECLINE ON RENEWED LIQUIDATION

Bullion Market Firm Under Short Covering

BOMBAY, April 17.

The Bombay Stock Exchange ruled very steady today and further gains were recorded in active shares. As pointed out before the market being oversold is now improving on technical consideration but there does not seem to be any buying urge. However, sellers were cautious and the market displayed good undertone.

Tata Steel Dfd. Shares opened at Rs. 2140/- and after improving at Rs. 2150/- reacted at Rs. 2142/8. At this level there was renewed buying and Dfds. moved up at Rs. 2170/- when further improvement was checked by some profit taking by recent buyers and Dfds. reacted at Rs. 2155/-. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 396/- and declined at Rs. 391 but firmed up at Rs. 398 and reacted at Rs. 394/-. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1105 but after declining at Rs 1090/- hardened at Rs. 1130 and steadied at Rs. 1125/-. Kohinoor Shares opened at Rs 597 and after touching Rs 594 gradually advanced at Rs. 606 and steadied at Rs 604/-. Simplex Shares opened at Rs 304/- and declined at Rs. 300 to improve at Rs. 306/- Swadeshi Shares opened at Rs. 584/- but declined at Rs. 575/-. At this level there was good demand which pushed up the quotation at Rs. 594/- but renewed selling erased a portion of the improvement at Rs. 586/-. Scindia Shares were steady at Rs. 33/2 while Central Bank Shares were done at Rs. 102.

MILLS

Bombay Dyeing 1105 K. R. Kohinoor K.R. 597 Swadeshi 582 Nagpur 283 Simplex 303 New Great 357 Gokak 297 Indore 595 Century 850 Colaba 247 Indian Bleaching 158 Swan 374 Finlay 308 Morarji 610 Edward 730 Meyer 240 Apollo 4/4 I. U. Ord. 15/14 I. U. Dfd. 3/4/6 Madhusudan 300 Poddar 320 Khatau 280.

STEEL SHARES

Tata Steel Ord. 392 Tata Steel Defd. 2146/4 Second Pref 169.

CEMENT

Associated Merger 179 8.

INDUSTRIES

Burma 462 8 Bellapur 252 Shivrajpur 36 Scindia 33/4 P. Construction 200 Tata Chemical 16/14 Tata Oil 82 Indian Iron 36.2 3 Bengal Steel 28/4.

ELECTRIC SHARES

Tram Ordinary 110/8 Tata Hydro K. D. 176 Andhra 1552 8 Tata Power 1655.

MILLS (CASH).

Elphinstone 92 Phoenix 1160 India Manufacturing 3700 Koorla 297/8 Dawn 1600 David 150 New City 260 Minerva 215 Bradbury 595 Bharucha (Defd.) 8 Bharat 51/8 Mysore 330 Madhavji 17 Model 210 Laxmi 1745 Vishnu 692/8 Western 3600 Standard 562/8 Sholapur 6200 Sassoon Cotton 24/8 Hindustan 3600 Tata 98 Ahmedabad Advance 460 Sassoon Silk 101 New Union 26/14 Madhusudan B. 107 Shrinivas 380 Raja Bahadur 116/4 Berar 575 Victoria 425

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH).

Ahmedabad 160 (New) 120 Surat (Ord.) 243/12 New Pre. 211/4 Karachi 240 Broach 13 Ajmer 13/8 Amalgamated 20/4 Jalgaon 14/12 Nagpur 58 Poona 260 Bombay Suburban 202/8 Bombay Suburban (New) 164/10.

BANK SHARES.

Reserve 120 Imperial 2270 P. P. 575 Central X. R. 102 India X. D. 224 Union X. D. 11/12 Baroda 156/8 Habib 168 Dena Bank 70 United Commercial 77/8 Jaipur 62 Bikaner 31 Hindustan Com. 49 National Savings (fully) paid 82 Mysore 460 Exchange (Ord.) 52 Eastern 196 Bombay Provincial 85.

INSURANCE.

Oriental 6300 Empire 975 New India 85/8 Jupiter 34 Vulcan 15/14 Indian Mercantile 61 Universal Fire 18 Vasant 22/4 British India General 22/12 Industrial Prudential 45 Neptune 13/6 New Great 43 All-India General 40/4.

RAILWAYS.

C. P. 105/8 Mymensing 113 Guaranteed 113 Sara Sirajganj 116 Pachora 101 Mandra Bhopal 116

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 483/12 Steamer 570 Burma New 167/8 Burma Petrol 3/7/6 Mackenzie 185 Port Canning 84 Kemp 575 Zandu Pharmacy 202/8 Indian Radio (Ord.) 377 Indian Radio B 375 Indian Radio 362/8 Indian Investment Trust X. D. 106 Wimco X. R. 255 Dharamsey Chemical 30 Mukund Iron 14/12 Dena Trust 25 Alembic 355 Supreme India 228 Jamwire 141/8 Bombay Uganda 85 Bombay Motor Cycle 43/8 India Cement 42 Walchand Nagar Industries 325 United Motor 70 A. C. C. New 66/8.

PREFERENCE SHARES.

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 235 Tram 52 Andhra Valley 1380 Tata Power 1425 Hydro 143/2 Bombay Steamer 348/12 Nagpur 702/8 Swadeshi 150 Vishnu 805 Laxmi 206 4 New Great 268/12 Poddar 116 Shrinivas 101 Elphinstone 130 Bradbury 553/12 Surat Elec. 211/4 Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 120 (2nd Pref.) 122/8 Amalgamated 156/4 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 122/8 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 19/12 Supreme 107

OUTSIDE SHARES.

Indian Copper 3,8 6 B. I. C. 9/8 Burma Corporation 4/12 New Victoria 6/4 New Victoria Preference 7/8 Raja 30 Phalton 125 Gold Mohar 345 New Kaiser-I-Hind 470 Sajjan 310 Osmanshahi 316 Ajamshahi 285 Air Services 17 Air India 175 Birla Motor 8/2 Marshal 7/8 .

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, April 17

The local cotton market was fairly steady with scattered buying. It was reported that the Government will allow export of all surplus stocks of raw cotton after reserving required quantity by Indian Mills. This possibility will have a constructive effect but we have lost many foreign markets. European countries and China who used to take large quantities of our cotton have limited financial means.

The market opened today at Rs. 436/8 for July delivery and declined at Rs. 436/- under scattered selling. At this level there was improved buying and July advanced at Rs. 437/8 and thereafter steadied at Rs. 437/- with moderate business

Thereafter the market was quiet with scattered selling which brought down July at Rs. 436/8. September delivery business was done at Rs. 444/-

There was scattered selling and July declined at Rs. 434/12. The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under :—

I.C.C. July	435-2-0
I.C.C. Sept.	442-6-0

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, April 16.

	Highest	Lowest	Closing
July	436-1/8	432-1/4	436
Sept.	443-1/4	439	443-1/4
Karachi 4F.			
July	/13/0	45/8/6	45/12/0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, April 17.

Tata Ordinary 392; Tata Deferred 2146-4; Indian Iron 36-6; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 28-4; Bombay Dyeing 1105; Central India 283-2; Gokak 296-14; Kohinoor 596-14; Simplex 306; Swadeshi 582-8; Tata Power 1655; Associated Cement 179-8; Belapur 251-14; Bombay Burma (Old) 462-8; Scindia 33-4; Central Bank 101-14; New India 85-8; Tata 2nd Pref. 168-12.

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, April 17.

MILLS.

Apollo 4/3,6 4/3/3 4/4 4/3/6 4/4
Bharat 52/8 51/8
B. Dyeing 1105 1090 1130 22/8 30 1100 2/8 1095 1105
C. India 283 79 88 82 65 79 83
Colaba 245 47
E. Textiles 715 50 15 35 30
Elphinstone (Ord.) 91 92
Elphinstone (Pref.) 130
Finlay 307 8 4 11 6 8 5 8
Gokak 295 92 99 96/8 98 95 97
I. U. (Defd.) 3/5 3/4 3/5/6 3/4 3 4 6
I. U. (Ord.) 15/9 15/14 15/12 15/14
Indore 581 4 95 85 90 82/8 95
Kohinoor 597 94 99 97 600 599 606 1 4 596 603 592 97
Meyer 235 40
Model 210
Morarji 610
New Great 360 55 64 53 57
Sholapur 6000
Simplex 304 300 6 5 7 300 4 3
Swadeshi 384 75 94 81 84 76 82
Swan 372 76 71 74
Tata Mills 98 99.8 98
Vishnu 685 92/8

BANKS.

Baroda 158 56/8
Central 101/8 2/8 2 3 2
Exchange 50 52
Habib 168
Imperial (Old) 2295 70
Imperial (New) 575
India 225 23 24
Reserve 124 19 20
Union 11/12
U. Commercial 77/8

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedabad 160
Andhra Valley 1555 52/8
B. Tram (Ord.) 112 13 12/8 13 12 12/8 10/8 11 10/8
B. Tram (Pref.) 52
Hydro (Ord.) 1/6
Hydro (Pref.) 143/2
Power 1655 65

INSURANCE.

B. I. General 22/12
New India 86 85 85/8

STEAMER.

B. Steam 570 75 70 72/8 70
Scindhia 33/2 32/12 33/8 32/15 33 32/15 33/8 33/4

STEEL.

B. Steel 27 29 28/2 26 11 27/14 28/4 36 6
I. Iron 35/10 37/4 36/6 36/8 35/14
Tata (Defd.) 2140 50 42/8 70 55 65 30 52/8 45 56/4
Tata (Ord.) 396 91 98 91/8 93 92
Tata (IInd Pref.) 168/8 69/8 69 69/8 69

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. C. C. (Old) 178/8 78 80 79 81 79 82 79/8
A. C. C. (New) 66 67/8 66/8
Belapur 248 50 49 55 50 53 52 53 49 52
B. B. (Old) 477/8 75 77/8 60 62/8
B. B. (New) 170 68/12 71/4 67/8
B. B. Petrol 3/11 3/11/6
I. Bleaching 160 58
I. I. Trust 106
P. Construction 190 93 92 97 95 200
P. Construction (1st Pref.) 120
Shivrajpur 36/8 36/4 37 36
Tata Chemical 16/8 16/6 16/14
Tata Oil 83 85 82
Wimco 250 56/4 55
Cooria Mills 295 97/8

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, April 17.

The Bullion market was firm on active short covering pending the decision of the High Court. Whatever may be the outcome short sellers were nervous and were compelled to pay prices dictated by professional operators.

Vaishakh silver advanced to-day at Rs. 168 and later quietened at Rs. 167 on some speculative unloading. Ready silver was quoted at Rs. 171. Vaishakh gold also after advancing at Rs. 107/8 reacted at Rs. 106/8. Ready gold was pushed up to a new high level of Rs. 108 but later steadied at Rs. 107. Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 69/4.

In the afternoon there was further buying which improved Vaishakh silver at Rs. 167/8. Ready silver stood at Rs. 171/8 and Vaishakh gold was done at Rs. 106/12.

The market finally was quoted as under :—

Ready Silver	170-12-0
Vaishakh Delivery	166-4-0
Ready Gold	106-0-0
Vaishakh Gold	106-12-0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, April 17.

The produce market was quietly steady with restricted business.

Groundnuts Khandesh quality were placed at Rs. 28/8 and Coromandals were quoted at Rs. 28 and Bold stood at Rs. 27/8.

Groundnut oil ready Bombay mills was quoted at Rs. 17/8 and May delivery business was done at Rs. 16/14.

Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 126/2 and improved at Rs. 126/8 on short covering. Ready Railway Receipts business was done at Rs. 27/8 and Cawnpore Bold were quoted at Rs. 26/8, Castorseed oil was quoted at Rs. 17/8.

Linseed ready business was done at Rs. 25/2. April May delivery opened at Rs. 25/2 and quietened at Rs. 24/12 on increased selling. Linseed oil was quoted at Rs. 18.

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton July Contract is 1601 cent points below New York July at Exchange rate 331.

Active General Buying In N. Y. Cotton Market

FUTURES 32 TO 41 POINTS HIGHER

NEW YORK, April 16. (U.P.A.).

Quiet trading featured today's session of the New York Cotton Exchange. Prices trended up gradually in company with the strength in securities and grains. The market gave evidence of sold out conditions following the recent drop to a five-week low. Demand was not aggressive, however, and ring observers were more inclined to couple the improvement with the recent urgent liquidation. Traders generally showed little confidence in either the long or short side for the present While some observers believed that the market is thoroughly liquidated, they were unwilling to take a definite stand until the numerous overhanging outside uncertainties were clarified. The general attitude of caution increased pending Washington developments on the programme to bring a lowering of the overall commodity price levels.

GENERAL BUYING.

Today's session opened one to seven higher. Prices edged upward slowly, reaching the best levels in the last hour, closing near the top and 32 to 41 higher. The liquidation and transferring of May to later positions before the first Notice day was one of the main activities. A leading spot firm continued to sell May against purchases in July at 201 points difference. New Orleans interests, Wall Street Commission houses and local operators were buyers on balance, digesting the scale up liquidation and light hedge offerings. Additional supporting influences were found in reiterated complaints of excessive rains delaying plantings in a large area in the South and apprehension that supplies of good quality seeds may be insufficient if extensive planting becomes necessary because of weather conditions.

PRICE PICTURE

Uncertainties over the overall price picture were accentuated today following the announcement that the Joint House Senate Committee will launch a study of the present price problems. Robert Taft, leader of the Senate announced that the Committee, in dealing with the problems, will survey what can be done about agricultural prices plus manufacturers' prices and "any other distortions in the economic picture."

On the export front, traders awaited the outcome of current meetings in Washington on the long pending proposal for the formation of a semi-private bank capitalised at $20,000,000 to finance private exports of cotton to Japan and Germany.

SALES OF CLOTH.

Meanwhile, the United States Commercial Company has announced the completion of plans for the sale of approximately 330,000,000 linear yards of textiles plus 22,625,000 lbs. of cotton yarn. The total value of the cloth and yarns is estimated at $95,000,000. The Company said that except for minor quantities of fabric stocks found in Japan on the arrival of Allied armies, these textiles, which include narrow print cloths, sheetings, drills and jeans, were all manufactured from stocks of American cotton shipped to Japan by the Department of Agriculture. Deliveries of the cloth and yarn will cover a period of six to eight months and these were sold on the basis of O.P.A. ceilings last September plus 25 per cent mark-up.

SELECTIVE BUYING

The British Cotton Control was reported to be adopting more selective buying policies as United Kingdom stocks now exceed 2,000,000 bales. It was reported that the Control is showing no interest in American cotton and that purchases last week were limited to moderate quantities of Indian cotton, principally Surat and Bengal growths. It was said that Indian offerings were several pennies cheaper than the comparable American type which were available without the expenditure of scarce U. S. dollars.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, April 16.

May	34.82+38
May Highest	34.84+40
May Lowest	34.47+03
July	32.81+32
October	29.73+41
December	29.88+37
January	28.58+37
March	28.49+38
Middling Spot	35.48+38

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, April 16.

May	34.71+38
July	32.74+39
October	29.65+45
December	28.78+42
March	28.45+47
Middling Spot	34.50+30

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Weekly Statement Of Affairs

An Account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 11th day of April in Issue Department :—

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	8,51,36,000
Notes in circulation	1253,80,21,000
Total Notes issued	1262,31,57,000
Total Liabilities	1262,31,57,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
A. Gold Coin and Bullion :—	
(a) Held in India	44,41,45,000
Sterling Securities	1135,32,89,000
Total of A	1179,74,34,000
B. Rupee Coin	24,73,09,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	57,84,14,000
Total Assets	1262 31,57,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities : 93.459 per cent.

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits :—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government of India	391,76,04,000
(2) Other Government Accounts	24,12,51,000
(b) Banks	88,55,77,000
(c) Others	28,99,49,000
Bills Payable	3,64,98,000
Other Liabilities	16,77,47,000
Total Rs.	563,86,26,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Notes	8,51,36,000
Rupee Coin	10,00,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,59,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted	
(a) Government Treasury Bills	3,24,73,000
Balances held abroad *	481,07,77,000
Other Loans and Advances	16,55,000
Investments	65,99,23,000
Other Assets	4,75,03,000
Total Rs.	563,86,26,000

* Includes Cash and Short term Securities.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 11th April.

LIABILITIES

	Rs.
CAPITAL:—	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	6,17,50,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts	266,71,74,000
Sundries	1,35,51,000
Rupees	279,87,25,000

ASSETS

	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—	
Government Securities	138,97,24,000
Other Authorised Investments	5,62,78,000
ADVANCES:—	
Loans	34,52,41,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	46,93,59,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	10,12,15,000
Dead Stock	1,58,53,000
Sundries	1,56,71,000
CASH:—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India and with the Central Treasury in Rangoon	38,14,92,000
Balances with other Banks	2,38,92,000
Rupees	279,87,25,000

WALL STREET MARKET RULES FIRM

NEW YORK, April 16.—

Stocks: A mild technical recovery was in evidence as buyers, gingerly testing the market found only limited opposition. Quiet gains of fractions to one point or so were fairly well maintained but numerous operators were uneasy due to the afternoon selling waves earlier this week. Motors, rails, oils, steels, rail equipments, containers, chemicals, rubbers and amusements were the best supported. The averages were Industrials 167.48 and Rails 44.30. The market assumed a wainting attitude during much of the afternoon and though there were few signs of any material increase in pressure, buying lacked sufficient impetus to raise leading issues more than fractions above the midday levels. Operators were eagerly watching the steel and automobile labour situations which currently appear less favourable. Some quarters predict that development of pleasing news from these industries is likely to produce a good rally. The market finished around the day's best levels showing advances of fractions to one point or more with high priced Allied chemical up two points. Nonfolk-western up three and Dupont up 3-1/2 The market closed firm.

American Telephone and Telegraph	164
Amerex Holding Co.	29
Anaconda Copper Mining	36-5/8
Chase National Bank	32-3/4
Sinclair Oil	15-1/4
Firestone & Tyre & Rubber Co.	53
General Electric Co.	34-5/8
General Motors	55-3/4
Ingersol Rand	115
International Nickel	30-3/8
National City Bank of New York	35-7/8
New York Central Rail Road Co.	15-1/8
Socony Vacuum Corporation	14-3/8
Texas Corporation	57
Union Carbon & Carbide	96
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	43-1/2
U. S. Steel Corporation Common	67-3/4
Western Union Telegraph	18-3/4

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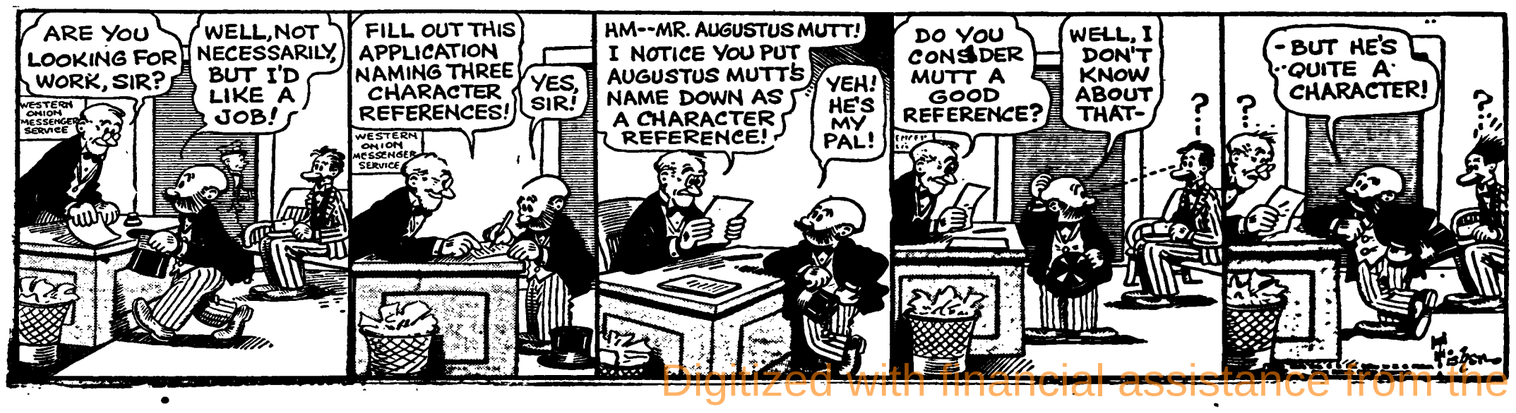
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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NOTICE.

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Applications stating age, qualifications, previous experience and other particulars together with testimonials should reach the Undersigned on or before 10th May 1947.

T. R. DESAI,
Chief Officer.
Surat Borough Municipality,
Municipal Office,
Surat, 16-4-1947. (3143)

P. W. D.

SEPARATE SEALED TENDERS are invited and will be received on FRIDAY, the 25th April, 1947, upto 2-30 P. M. (S. T.) for the supply for stores as noted below for works and repairs in the Presidency Division, for the period from 1-4-47 to 31-3-48 for items 1 to 3 and for the period from 1-4-47 to 30-9-47 items 4 and 5.

1. Miscellaneous, Drainage and Waterfittings, Paints and Hardware.
2. Timber.
3. Panes of glasses.
4. Lime unslaked to be slaked at site of work.
5. Road metal, Murum, Red Hill Earth, Manure, Sand etc.

The right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning reasons is reserved.

The Tender forms with Schedule of quantities for materials may be obtained on payment of Rs. 5|- for item 1 and Rs. 2|- each for the remaining items, on any working day upto 3 p. m. (1 p. m. on Saturdays) except that on which tenders are to be received.

For further details apply to the undersigned.

(Sd.) J. F. PAISLEY,
Executive Engineer, Presidency.
Bombay, 16th April, '47. (3036)

G.I.P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE DY. GENERAL MANAGER (Grainshops) G.I.P Railway Bombay V.T. will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 p.m. on 24-4-47 for the supply of Til oil at Shed No. 3 Wadi Bundar. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office. 3028

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PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Office of the Chief Controller of Exports.
(Commerce Department).
No. M. 561-E. II|47.
Dated the 12th April, 1947.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE EXPORT OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES OUTSIDE INDIA.

In pursuance of the decision announced by the Government of India, Department of Commerce, to reserve 25% of the export quotas of certain commodities for allotment to "new comers", applications are hereby invited so as to reach the undersigned on or before the 15th May, 1947, from individuals and firms, wishing to take advantage of this concession, who are not classified as "Established Shippers." The following particulars should be given in the applications

(a) Name and address of the applicant.
(b) Destination to which the applicant desires to export
(c) Name of the commodity he desires to export.
(d) Quantity which the applicant wishes to export.
(e) Whether the applicants ever exported the commodity concerned to the destination for which application is made; and if so, details of such export.
(f) Details of the trade connection, if any, which the applicants have with the destination to which they wish to export.
(g) Whether the applicants have received an order for the goods and are in a position to export them within a reasonable time if a licence is granted?

(original letters or telegrams showing this must be produced with the application).

N.B. (1). Persons wishing to enter the export trade for the first time and who produce evidence of being able to secure business with ... abroad are not precluded from making applications.

(2) A separate application should be made for each commodity and for each destination. No application will be considered unless accompanied by a Government Treasury receipt for a sum of Rs 50- which can be credited at any Government Treasury, under the head "XLVI - MISCELLANEOUS." This fee of Rs. 50- will not be refunded.

2. The grant of export licences under this scheme will otherwise be subject to the same general regulations as apply to licences granted to "Approved shippers."

3. In view of the limited quantities available for distribution, it may not be possible to grant licences to all applicants. The decision of Government in regard to the grant of licences will be final

4. Destinational quotas wherever they have been fixed and the minimum and maximum quantities that will normally be allotted to any individual applicant are given below:—

I. COTTON PIECEGOODS.

Destination	Quota available in tons.	Minimum	Maximum
Aden	109	1 ton (=10,000 yds.)	10% of quota available.
Eritrea	6	"	6 tons
Saudi Arabia	39	"	10% of quota available.
Australia	374	"	10% of quota available
Kenya) Tanganyika) Zanzibar) Nysaland) Italian Somaliland)	497	"	"
British Somaliland	4	"	4 tons.
British West Africa	181	"	10% of quota available
Ceylon	225	"	"
Mauritius	50	"	"
New Zealand	27	"	5 tons
Rhodesia	13	"	5 tons
Portuguese East Africa	4	"	4 tons
Seychelles	8	"	8 tons
Sudan	191	"	10% of quota available.
Iran	55	"	"
Fiji	5	"	5 tons
Malaya	107	"	10% of quota available.
Netherlands East Indies	25	"	5 tons
Hongkong	3	"	3 tons
Iraq	137	"	10% of quota available.
Burma	375	"	"
Arab Sheikdoms in Gulf	115	"	"
Turkey	10	"	5 tons

II. COTTON MANUFACTURES

Article	Quota available in lbs.	Minimum	Maximum
Apparel	2,39,939	1 ton	5% of the quota available.
Hosiery	5,41,138	"	"
Cotton Waste Blankets	32,53,172	"	"
Other cotton manufactures	7,33,994	"	"

III. HIDES & SKINS AND LEATHER.

Approximate Quota available for all permissible destinations in tons.	Minimum	Maximum
3,150	1 ton	100 tons.

IV. MATCHES.

Quota available for all destinations.	Minimum	Maximum
2,500 cases	50 cases	250 cases.

V. PAINTS, VARNISHES AND ENAMELS CONTAINING LEAD OR ZINC.

Quota available (in tons)	Minimum	Maximum
1,000	1 ton	100 tons.

(Sd.) M. E. REHMAN.
Chief Controller of Exports,
Church Road, New Delhi.
(3008)

SECRETARY, PUNJAB AND N. W. F. P. JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, LAHORE

INVITES APPLICATIONS from Indian British subjects or subjects of notified Punjab States or natives of Baluch tribal territory, domiciled in India, Muslims or Sikhs preferred—other communities to be considered only if no suitable Muslims or Sikhs available—, NOT LATER THAN 16TH JUNE, 1947 on prescribed form (obtainable free), accompanied by a treasury or M. O. receipt for Rs. 5/- (no fee in case of war service candidates) for a temporary post of TRAFFIC MANAGER LAHORE OMNIBUS SERVICE. Pay:—Rs. 500/- p.m. fixed. Qualifications:—(a) Sound general education, preferably with a thorough knowledge of economics as applied to motor road transport, (b) Knowledge of automobile engineering preferred, (c) Should have previous experience in a reputable transport service, (d) Good physique and administrative capabilities, (e) Preference, in the first instance, to employees of transport concerns displaced by Government and then to ex-service men. Age limit:—Below 40 years on 16-6-47 Govt. servants eligible. Further particulars on application. War service candidates serving outside India can apply on plain paper giving full details, if forms not available. They must attach with their applications a certificate to show that their service is recognised as war service. 3037

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BOMBAY-SIND

APPLICATIONS are invited BEFORE 31-5-1947 for the post of SPECIAL LEPROSY OFFICER, BOMBAY PROVINCE. PAY.—Rs 200-400 PLUS Rs. 50/- in lieu of private practice, Rs. 50 special Leprosy allowance compensatory local allowance, cost of living allowance and travelling allowance admissible under the rules. QUALIFICATIONS.: M.B. B.S.(Bom.) or equivalent or higher qualification, preferably with training and experience in leprosy work. Candidates should be registered under the Bombay Medical Act 1912. AGE: Not more than 28 years in the case of a candidate who is M.B.B.S and not more than 30 years on 1-8-1947 in the case of a candidate with a post-graduate qualification. Age limit may be relaxed in the case of Bombay Government servants and candidates with training and experience in leprosy work. Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3½ annas stamps and UNCROSSED Postal Order for Re. 1/- payable to "Secretary Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission", Bombay, who will supply full details on request. 3033

NOTICE
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS OF PETROL DRIVEN MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR BOATS RESIDING IN THE BOMBAY REGION

APPLICATIONS for basic ration for the quarter, commencing from 1st May, 1947, are to be made in H forms obtainable free from the following distributing centres

1. For owners of motor cars, motor cycles and motor boats in the Shamiana erected in the compound of the Motor Vehicles Deptt Gymnasium Road, Off Cruickshank Road, Bombay, from 18-4-47 to 30-4-47 (excluding Sundays and Public Holidays) between 10-30 a. m. and 2-30 p. m. on week days and between 10-30 a. m. and 1 p. m. on Saturdays.

2. For Municipalities, Ambulances, School Buses, Trade Nos., Government Vehicles, Transport Vehicles, Taxis and Stage Carriages, applications are to be submitted in the Office of the Area Rationing Authority, Head Police Office Compound, Bombay, from 18-4-1947 to 30-4-47 between 10-30 a. m. and 2 p. m. on week days and between 10-30 a. m. and 12 noon on Saturdays.

Owners of Transport Vehicles and taxis should produce either 'A' 'B' or Temporary Permits and the registration certificates together with the applications in H forms duly filled in.

As usual, members of the Western India Automobile Association should apply to that Association.

Applications for supplementary ration may be made in K forms obtainable at this office from 1-5-47 onwards, between 10-30 a. m. and 2 p. m. on week days and between 10-30 a. m. and 12 noon on Saturdays.

The attention of motor owners is drawn to the fact that supplementary petrol coupons are stamped and made valid for a month only, though three months' ration is issued at a time.

In all cases, registration certificates must be produced together with applications.

Owners are requested to obtain their basic ration before 1-5-1947, as failing this, they are likely to be put to inconvenience and delay in receiving such ration later.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Owners of motor vehicles will be required when tendering coupons at pumps to sign each coupon and enter the number and make of their vehicles thereon, in token of having received petrol. A notice is stamped on the front page of each coupon book clearly defining the obligations of motor owners on handing in the coupons in token of having received petrol. This is being done to obviate any possible chance of persons possessing coupons to which they have no right.

J. B. RABITT,
Area Rationing Authority,
Bombay.
Area Rationing Office,
Head Police Office,
Bombay: Dated 15-4-47. (3144)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai PRABHAVATI, widow and executrix of the will of Nanalal Manchharam of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell to my client free from all incumbrances and claims the undermentioned property, situate at Khetwadi Main Road, outside the Fort of Bombay. All persons having any claim to or claiming any right, title or interest in the said property or any part thereof by way of mortgage, sale, inheritance, gift, possession, lien, lease, trust, or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at his Office at Picket Road, Kalbadevi, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim or claims if any, and the same if any shall be considered to have been absolutely waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

FIRSTLY:—All that piece or parcel of land together with buildings standing thereon containing by admeasurement 374 (three hundred and seventy-four) square yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue as a part of Old No. 214-373 New No. C 2249, Old Survey No. 27 and New Survey No 4 7402, Cadastral Survey No. 1079, Girgaum Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Bombay Municipality under D Ward No. 1843 (3) and Street No. 4 New Street Nos. 213-213A situate on the South side of Khetwadi Main Road in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and are bounded as follows:—On the East by the premises hereinafter secondly described, on the West by the property of Dr. Meherjibhai Sethna, on the North by Khetwadi Main Road and on the South by the property of the Trustees of Cama Baug.

SECONDLY:—All that piece of land admeasuring 85 1/4 square yards or thereabouts, situate on Khetwadi Main Road in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue as a portion of Old No. 214-373, New No. C/2249, Old Survey No. 27, New Survey No. 4/7402 and Cadastral Survey No. 1079, Girgaum Division and bounded as follows:—On the West by the property firstly described, on the North by Khetwadi Main Road, on the East by the private passage and on the South by the private passage.

Dated at Bombay this 14th day of April, 1947.
CHHOTALAL JEKISONDAS GHIA.
Purchaser's Advocate. (3142)

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND SUPPLIES

Office of the Director of Supplies, Strand House, Ballard Estate, Graham Road, Bombay.

THE DIRECTOR OF SUPPLIES invites tender No. BOM H Trans 843 to reach him on or before 11 a.m. on 23-4-47 on forms (not transferable) obtainable from his office at Rs. 4- (not refundable) per set to be paid in cash, by Money Order, or Indian Postal Order (Quoting Tender Number, full name and address of the remitter), for:

DESCRIPTION.

Trucking by motor transport within the city of Bombay and an area surrounding it within a radius of 20 miles of materials which the Government may require to be transported from 1-5-47 to 30-4-48 Necessary trucks will be supplied by Govt.

Applicants not already on the approved list of this Department or the late Department of Supply must give their Banker's reference on applications for tender forms. Tender forms will not be issued to firms already blacklisted. (3035)

DISPOSALS.

THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER (DISPOSALS) invites Tenders for the purchase and removal of:

548 Cement Blocks of irregular sections made to interlock with one another. Each block weighs approximately 10 tons and is provided with four 1½ dia. Mild steel lifting eyes.

LOCATION:—Gun Carriage Basin, Colaba (274 Blocks).

20, Frere Basin, Mazagaon, Bombay. (274 Blocks).

SUPERSCRIBED REFERENCE:—Tender No:—RCS 33428 MMh-8.

LAST DATE DUE:—By 4 P.M. on 28th April, 1947.

Tender forms along with detailed list of stores can be obtained from this office on payment of Rs. 5|- per set. (Not Refundable).

Offers should be sent on tender forms enclosed in double covers the inner to be sealed and superscribed with the above reference number and should remain open for acceptance for 30 days from the date of offer.

Earnest Money (Refundable to unsuccessful tenders) of 10% of the value of offers should be deposited in the Reserve Imperial Bank of India or Government Treasury under head of accounts "Revenue Deposits" in favour of Regional Commissioner (Disposal), Southern circle. Tenders not accompanied by such Treasury Bank Receipts will be ignored. CHEQUES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

No guarantee is given of the quantity, quality, or suitability of the above stores. Sale will be subject to condition of contract Con-117 obtainable at this office.

THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OF DISPOSALS,
Mercantile Chambers,
Ballard Estate,
BOMBAY. (2989)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SIDDIQ HASHAM and ABDULLA HASHAM have contracted to sell to our client the property more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written.

ALL persons having any claim whatsoever against the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 121, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within Fourteen days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as void.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land or ground, containing by admeasurement 389 (three hundred and eighty-nine) Square Yards or thereabouts situate on and being Plot No. 34 of the Laibag Estate of the late Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay, but now of Bombay Municipality, lying and being at Parel Government Gate Road in the City and Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, together with the messuages tenements and dwelling houses standing thereon consisting partly of a ground floor and 3 upper floors and partly of a ground floor and 2 upper floors and bounded, on or towards the North by Plot No. 33 of the said Estate leased to Lalji Nathoo, on or towards the WEST by Government Gate Road on or towards the SOUTH by Plot No 35 of the said estate leased to Syed Abdul Rayuf Haji Abdul Karim and on or towards the WEST by Road 20 feet in width and forming part of lands bearing New Survey No. 2567 and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 48 (Part)

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Sewri Division) and is assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "F" Ward No 593(3) and Street No. formerly 1B and New Nos 222 to 230

Dated this 16th day of April, 1947.

CAPTAIN & VAIDYA.
Purchaser's Attorneys
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PUBLIC NOTICES

G.I.P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE DY GENERAL MANAGER (Grainshops), G.I.P Railway, Bombay V.T. will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 P. M. on 28-4-47 for handling and transport contract at the Rly. grainshops at Sholapur and Ahmednagar from 1-5-47. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office or from the Asstt. Controller, Grainshops, G.I.P Railway at Poona. (3034)

AUCTION SALES.

SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ON GHOD BUNDER ROAD. (NEAR SWASTIK TALKIES & OPPOSITE GUJRAT SAW MILL) MALAD B. B. & C. I. RLY

Under instructions from Messrs Smetham Byrne and Lambert, Attorneys for Mr Dakurenath Gopinath Shroff the Receiver appointed in Suit No. 1128 of 199 (Gorakshanath Gopinath Shroff and others versus Vimlabai, wife of Gorakshanath Gopinath Shroff and Others) and in pursuance of the directions contained in the Consent Order dated the 10th August, 1945 Messrs SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO. will sell by Public Auction on SUNDAY, the 20th April 1947 at 4 p.m. at the site of property at Malad the following:—

All that piece of land together with bungalow outhouses, wells, privies mango and other trees, etc., situate at Malad within the jurisdiction of the Notified Area Committee of Malad in the Registration Sub-District of Thana Taluka South Salsette District Thana, containing by admeasurement 3,718 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the records of the Notified Area Committee of Malad under Nos. 43-44. The Land being situate in the Surveyed Khatu Village there is no Survey Number

Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from the abovementioned Attorney for the Vendors Jehangir Wadia Building 51 Esplanade Road Fort. or from the undersigned

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO
123, Medows Street, Fort.

AUCTION SALE OF FENEL SEEDS (VARIALI).

Under instructions from M/s Thakoredas & Co., Attorneys for M/s. Ratilal Vardhman & Co and on account and risk of the defaulting purchaser Jethalal Chhotalal, M/s. BENNETT & CO., will TODAY (FRIDAY), the 18th April 1947 at 3 p.m (S.T.) sell by Public Auction at 27-35 Masjid Siding Road, Dana Bunder:—

449 Bags Fenel Seeds (Variali)

Terms: 25 p. c. Cash Deposit Purchaser will have to pay Sale Tax.

BENNETT & CO

AUCTION SALE OF RIGHT IN HIGH COURT DECREE FOR RS. 18 000.

By order of the Official Assignee of Bombay, we shall sell by Public Auction on MONDAY, 21st April, 1947, at 3 p.m (S.T.) at our rooms, at 122 Apollo Street, Fort, the right, title and interest of Insolvent Maneklal Javerbhand Javeri in High Court of Bombay decree for Rs. 18 000 in Suit No 1226 of 1938 against Subkanan Surana of Calcutta.

CRAWFORD & CO.

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